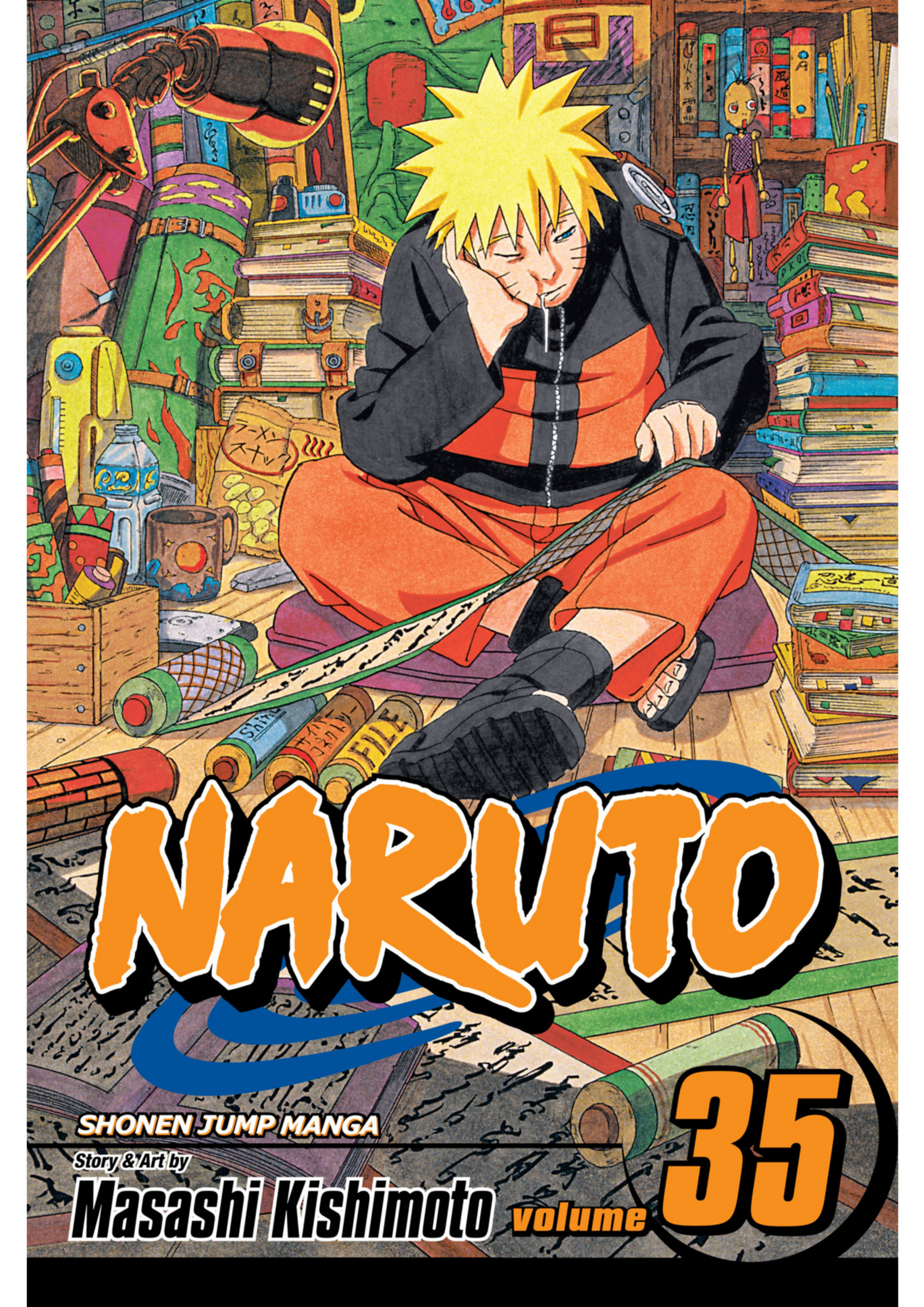
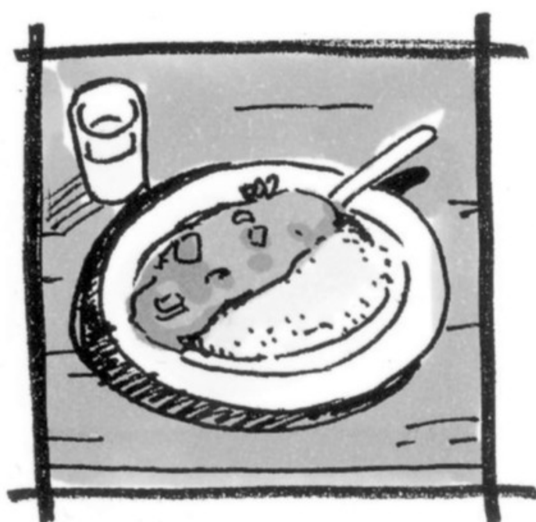

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Curry rice or rice curry... I have no idea what the difference is...

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2006

岸本斉史

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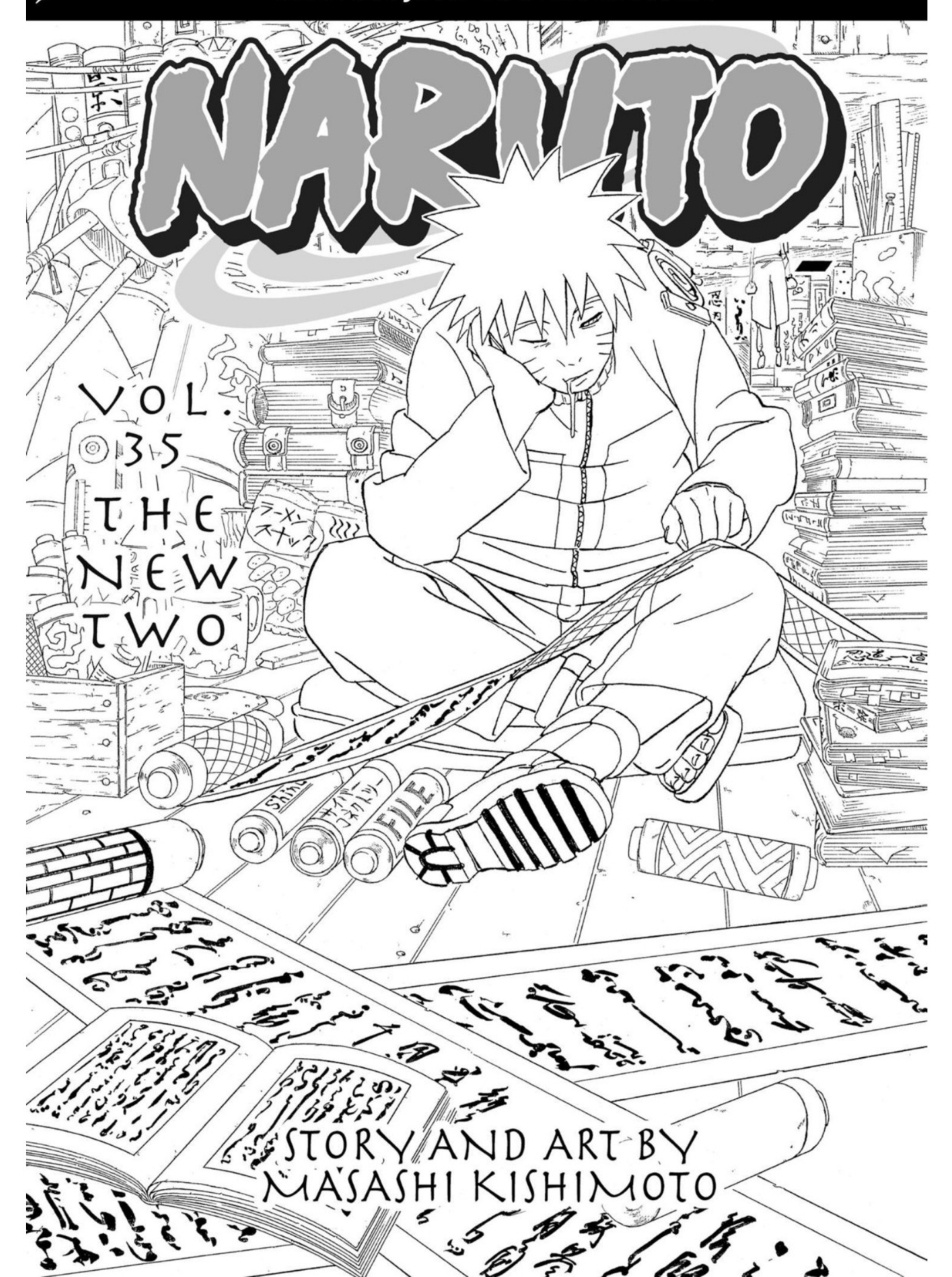


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The Story So Far…

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Team Kakashi finally infiltrates Orochimaru's lair and goes toe to toe with Sasuke. Now more powerful than ever, he leaves his former friends in the dust, picking up the pieces of their failed mission...





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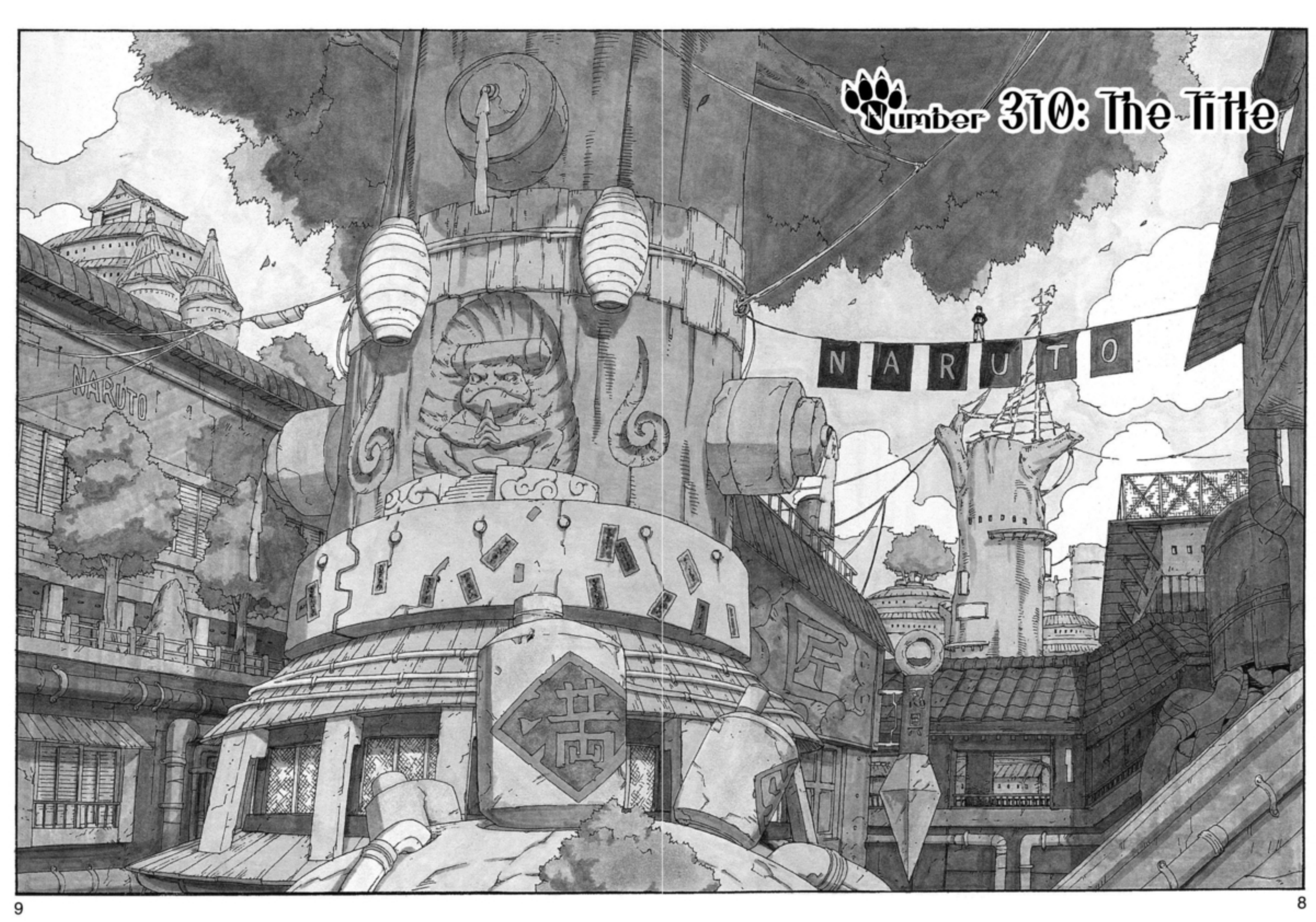
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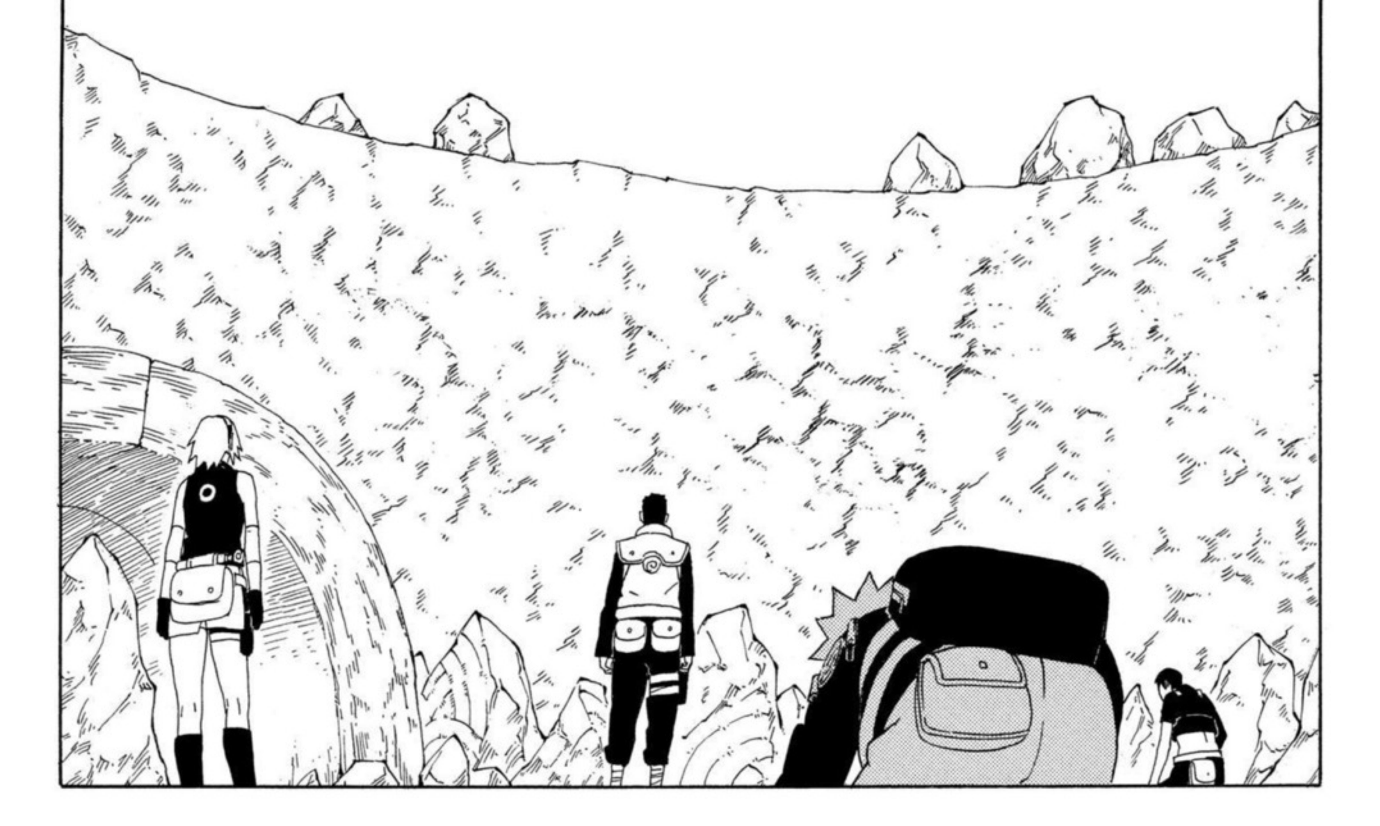
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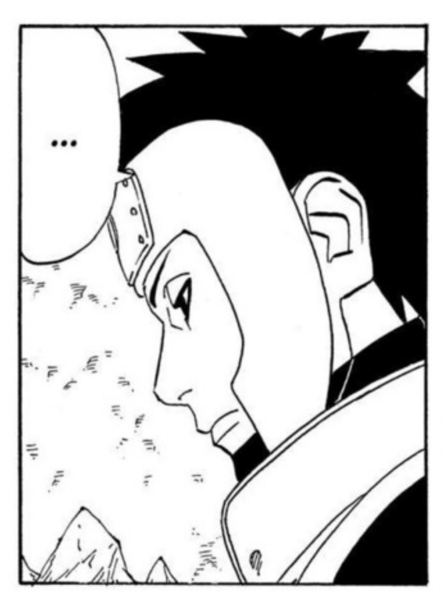

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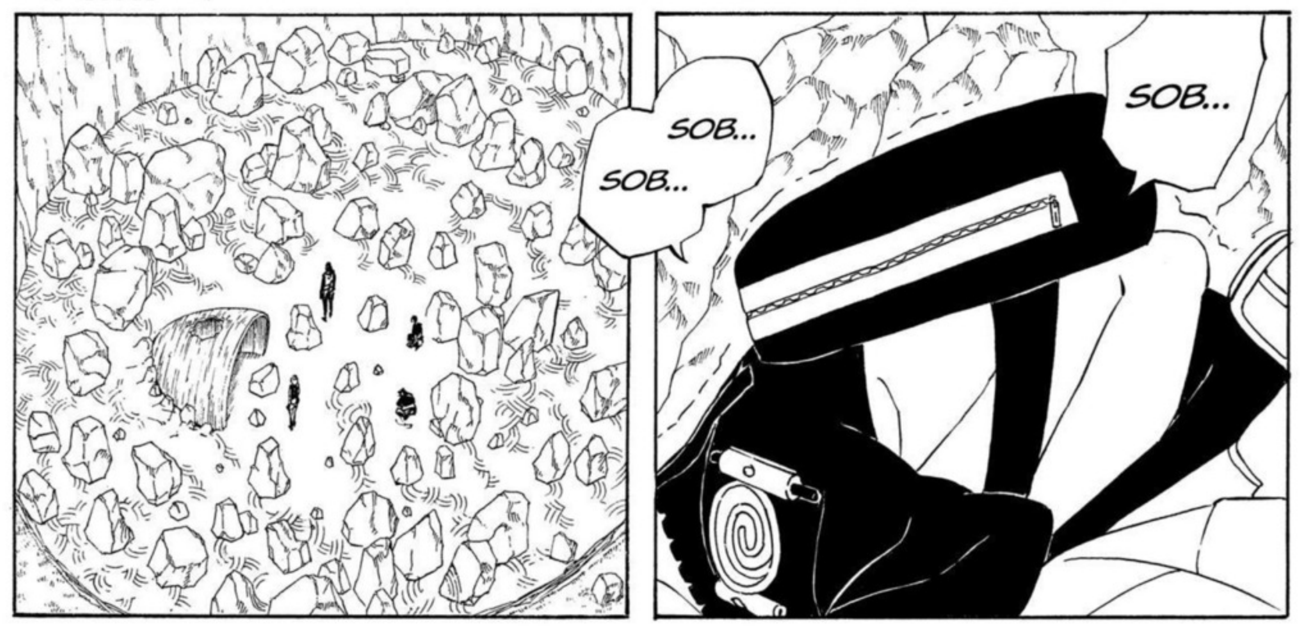

AGAIN...
I COULDN'T STOP HIM, AGAIN...




I AM...
TAK


...SO WEAK...


READ
THIS
WAY


SOB...
SOB...
SOB...


CRY-
ING...
...WON'T
MAKE
SASUKE
COME
BACK,
NARUTO.

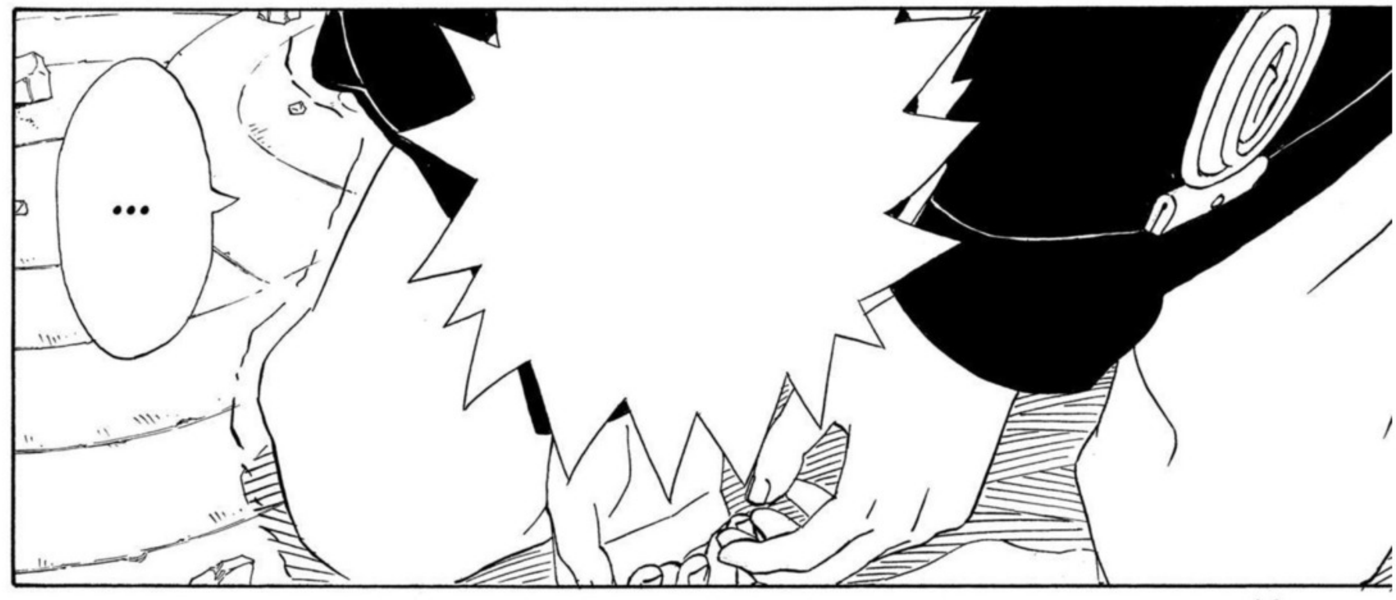

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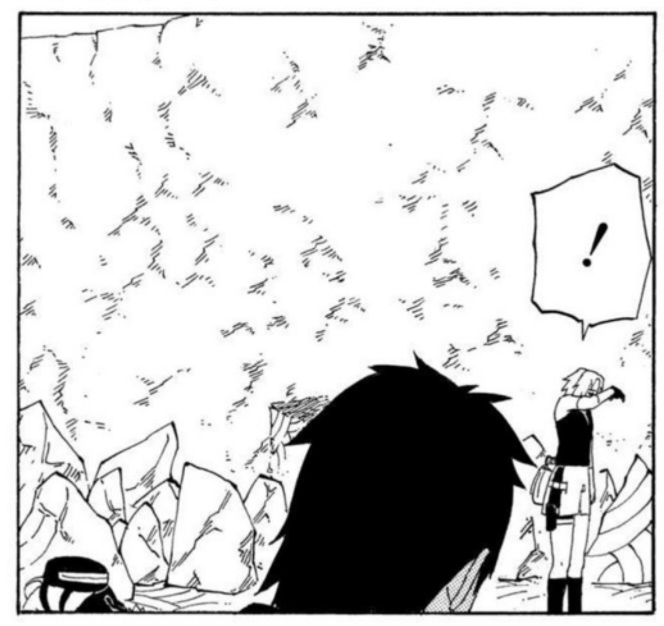
WE HAVE TO BE STRONG.

YOU AND ME. TOGETHER.




READ
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WAY


WE STILL HAVE HALF A YEAR LEFT.


!

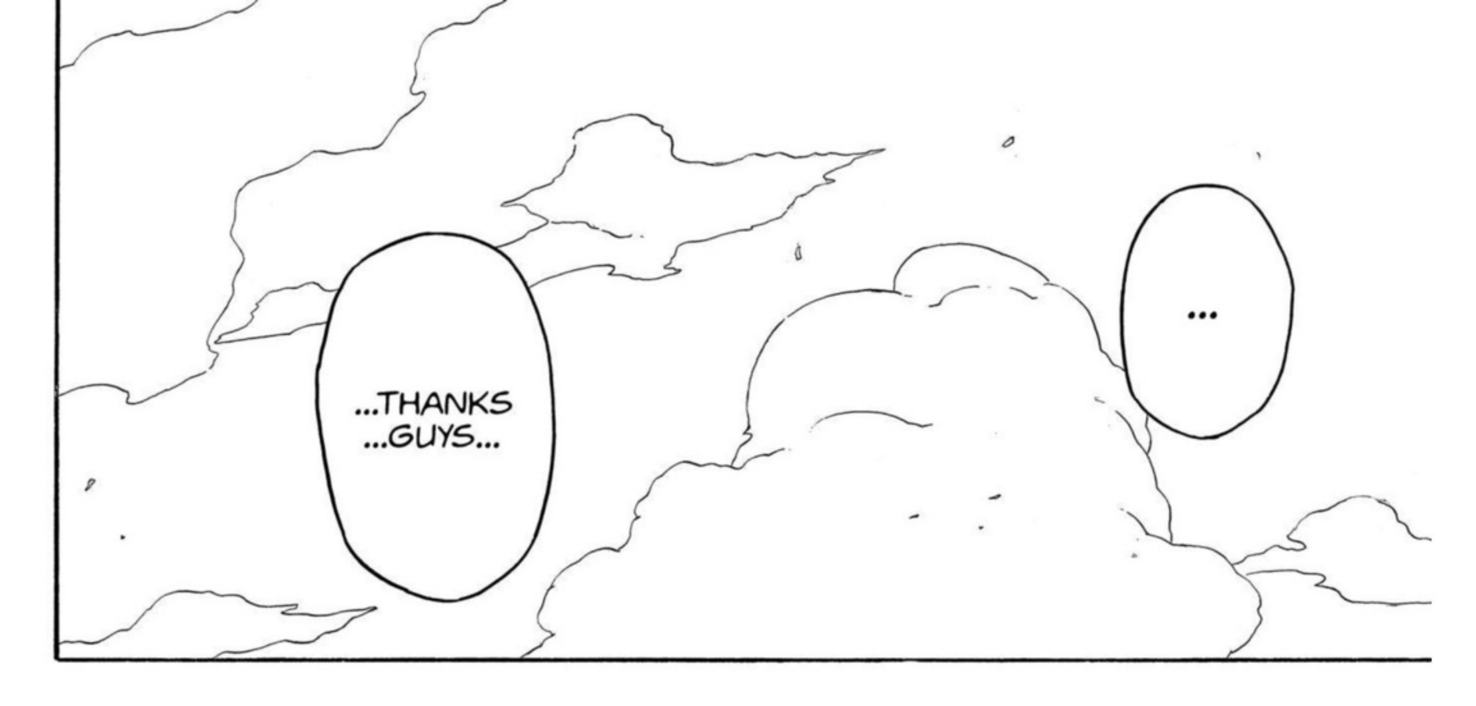

THREE MAKES FOR BETTER ODDS THAN TWO.
AND I'M PRETTY STRONG, TOO.



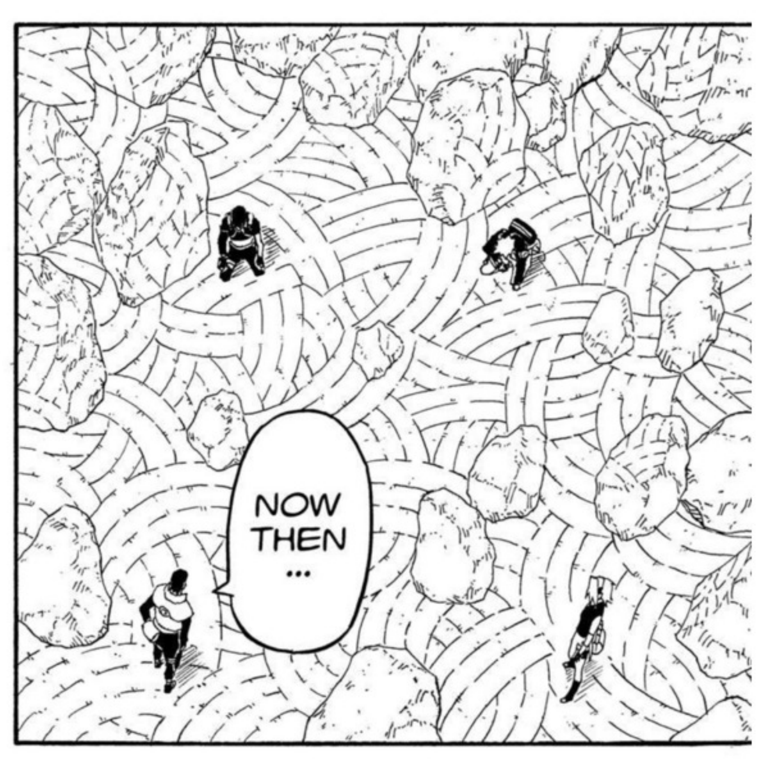


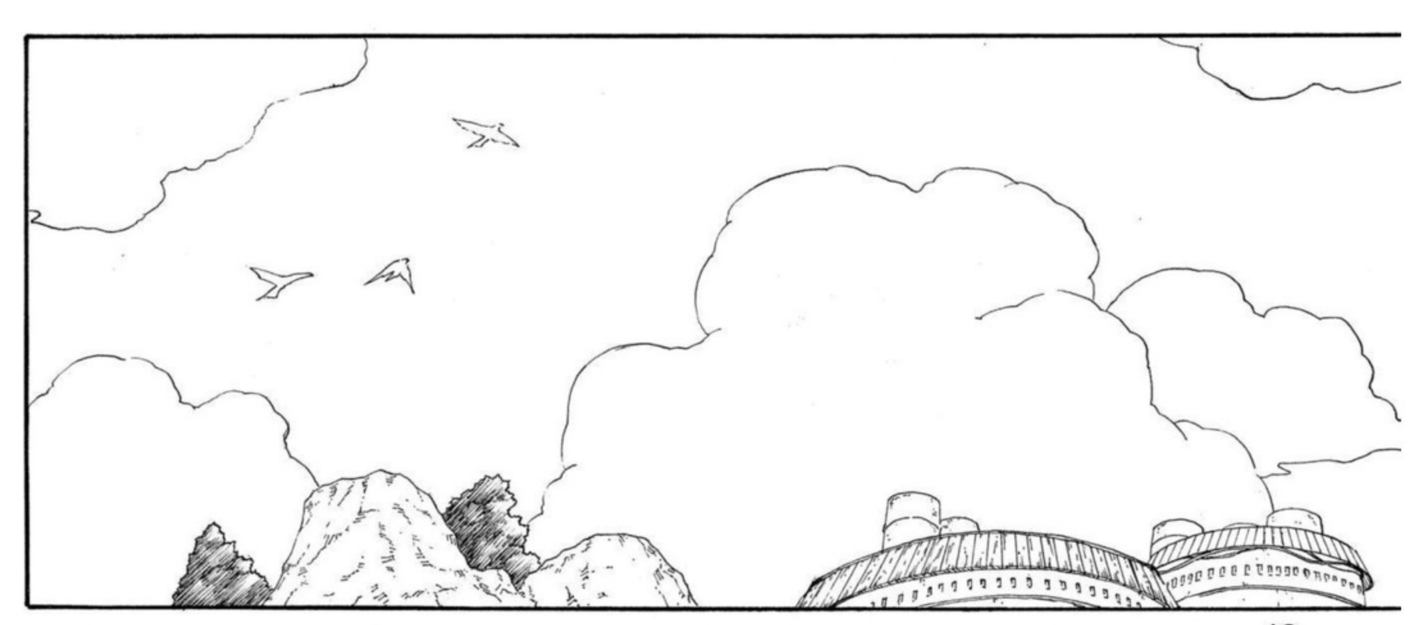

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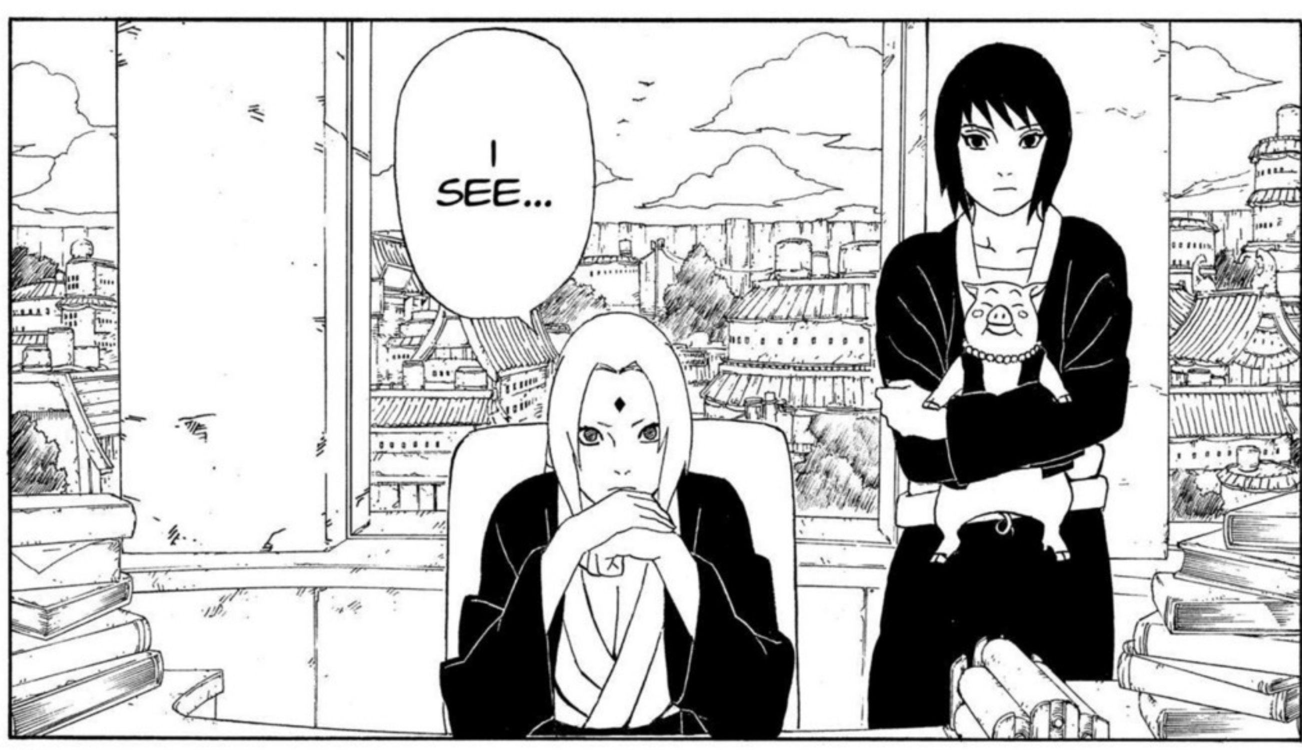

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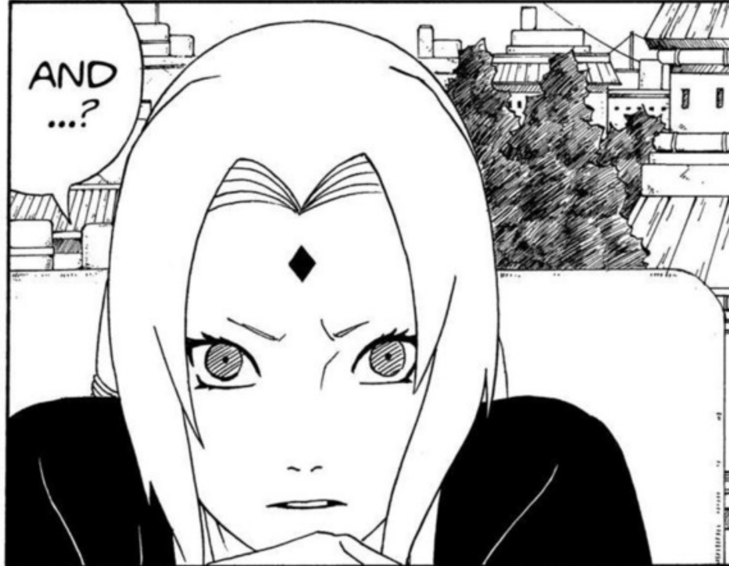

...
...THANKS
...GUYS...


THE FIGHT'S JUST BEGUN...


NOW THEN...




I SEE...


AND ...?


WE'RE NOT GIVING UP!



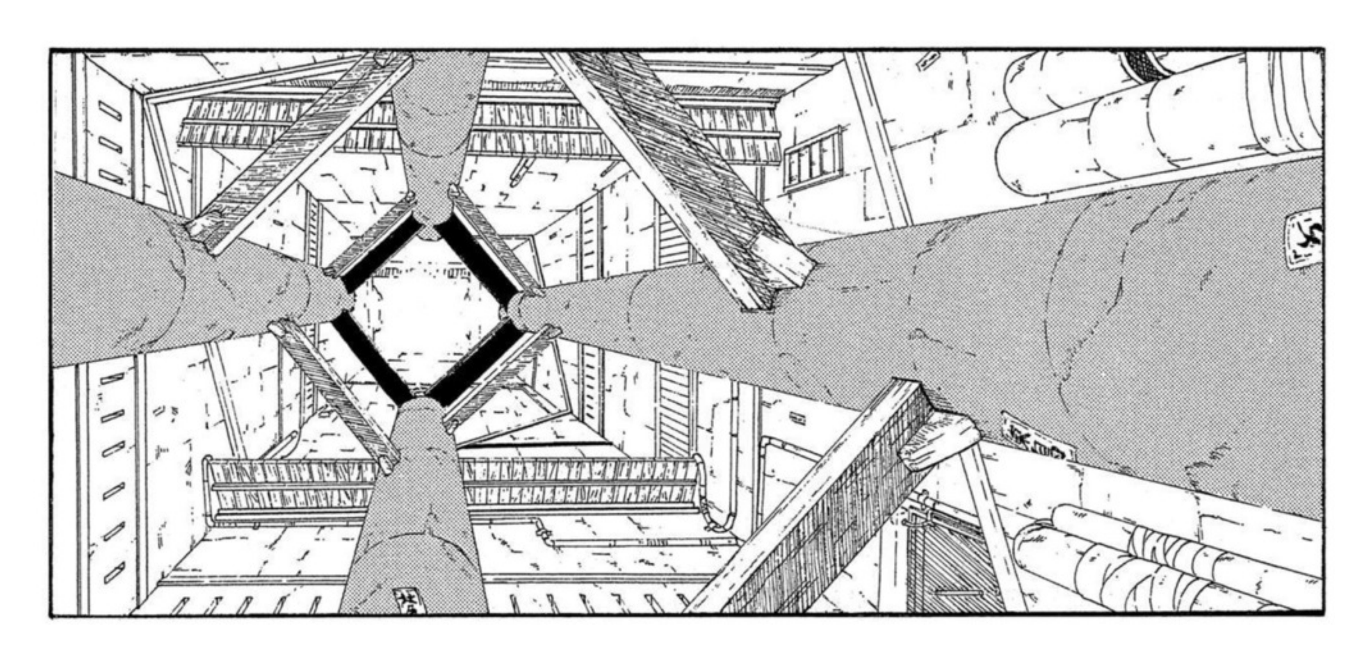


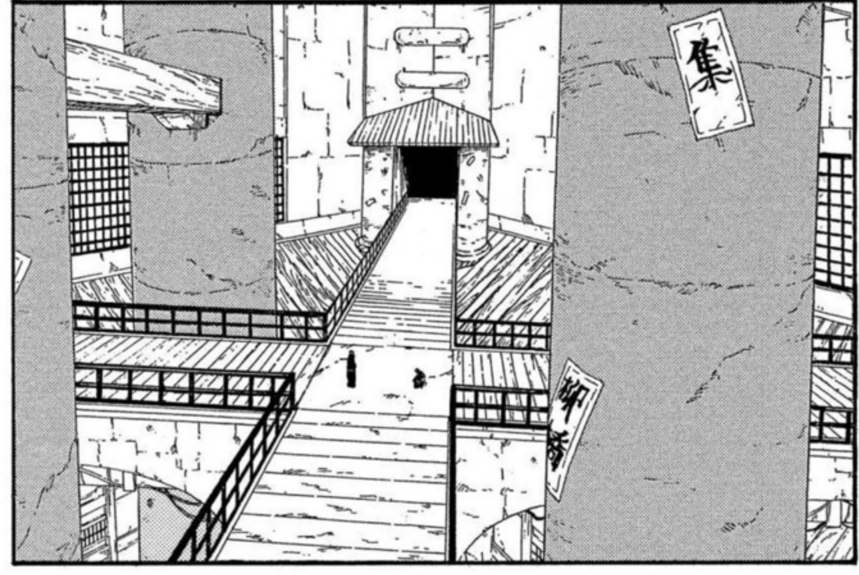



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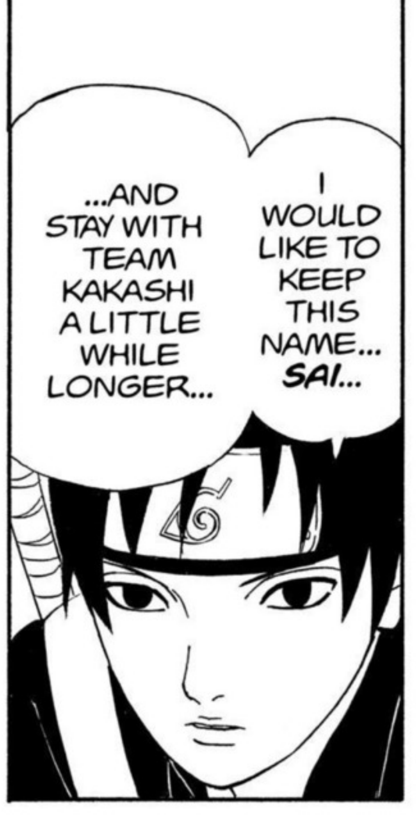

THEN LET ME GIVE YOU...
...YOUR NEXT ASSIGN-MENT RIGHT AWAY.



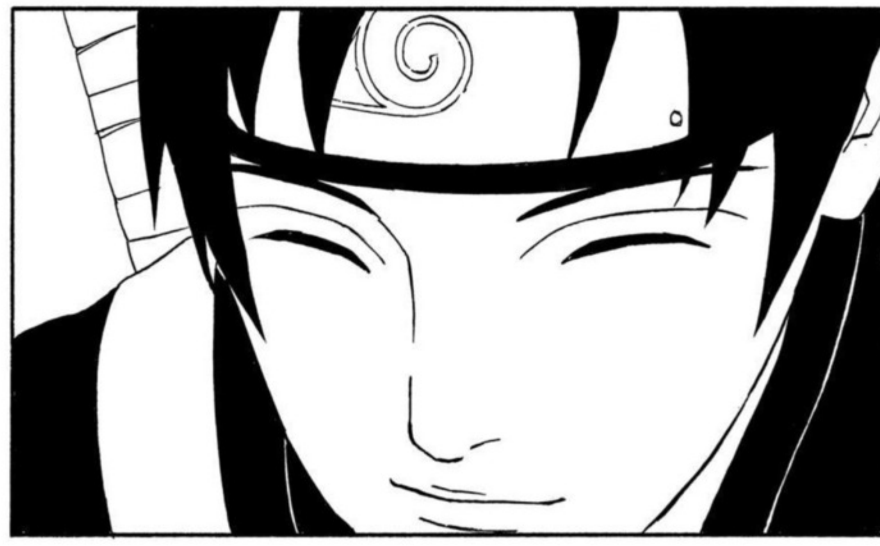



IT'S UNLIKE YOU TO FAIL A MISSION...


...IF I MAY MAKE A REQUEST.
A REQUEST ...?
YES...

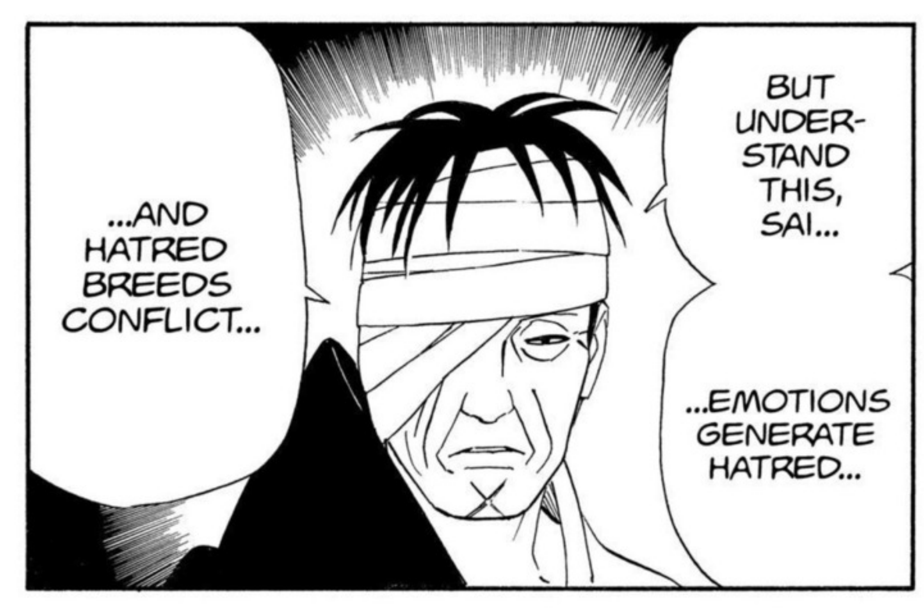

I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THIS NAME... SAI...
...AND STAY WITH TEAM KAKASHI A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...


...!



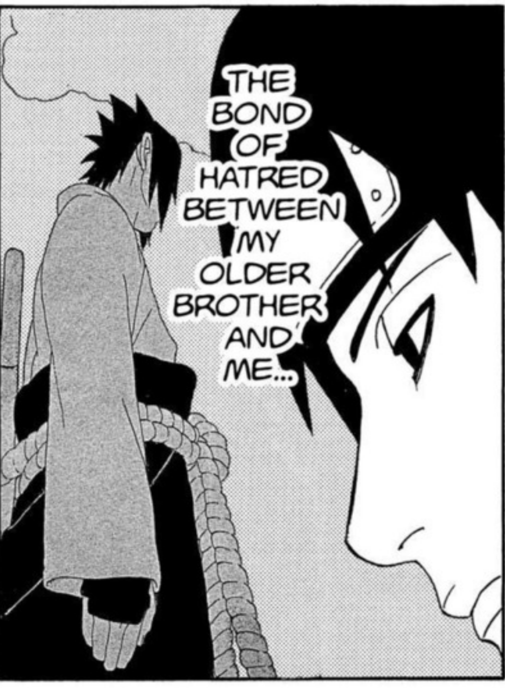

THAT SMILE ...


TSUNADE HAS ALSO APPROACHED ME ABOUT THIS.


BUT UNDER-STAND THIS, SAI...
...EMOTIONS GENERATE HATRED...
...AND HATRED BREEDS CONFLICT...


READ THIS WAY

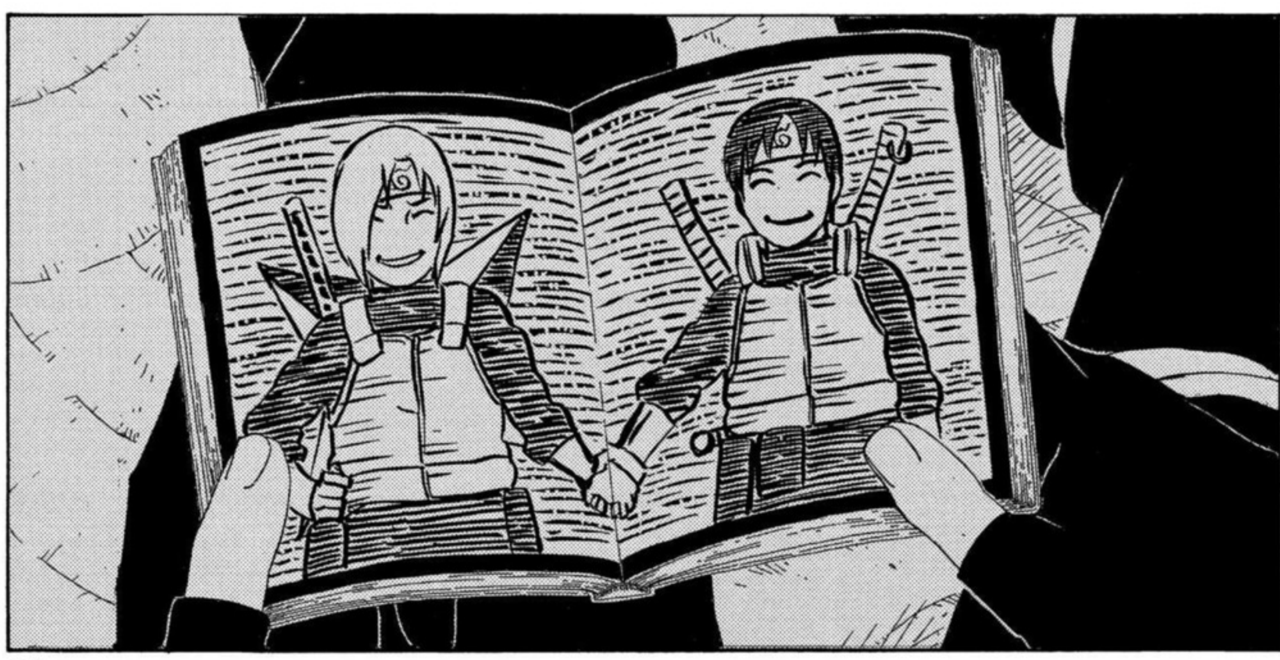

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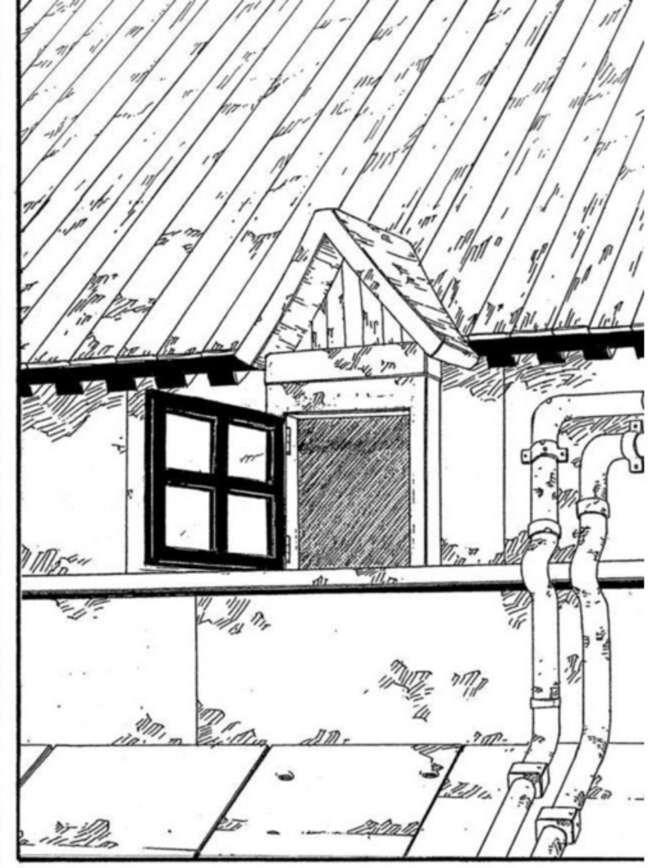

THE BOND OF HATRED BETWEEN MY OLDER BROTHER AND ME...


BUT...
THAT MAY BE TRUE.


'CUZ HE... REALLY ACCEPTED ME MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE SASUKE IS MY FRIEND...


...AND THAT'S A BOND...
...THAT CAN NEVER BE BROKEN.





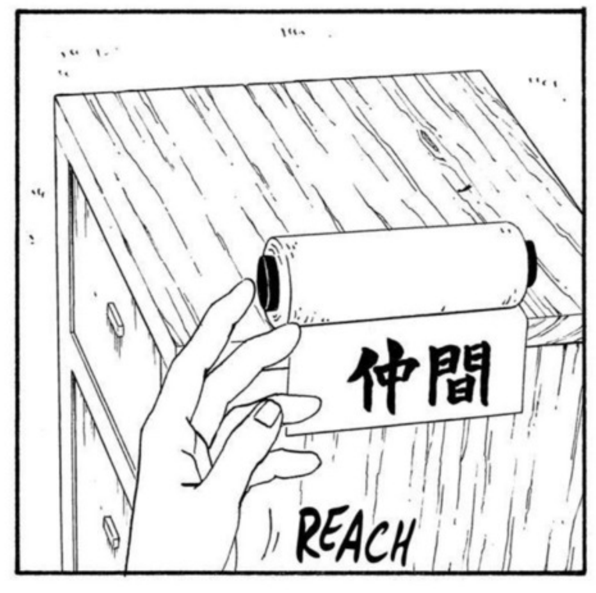



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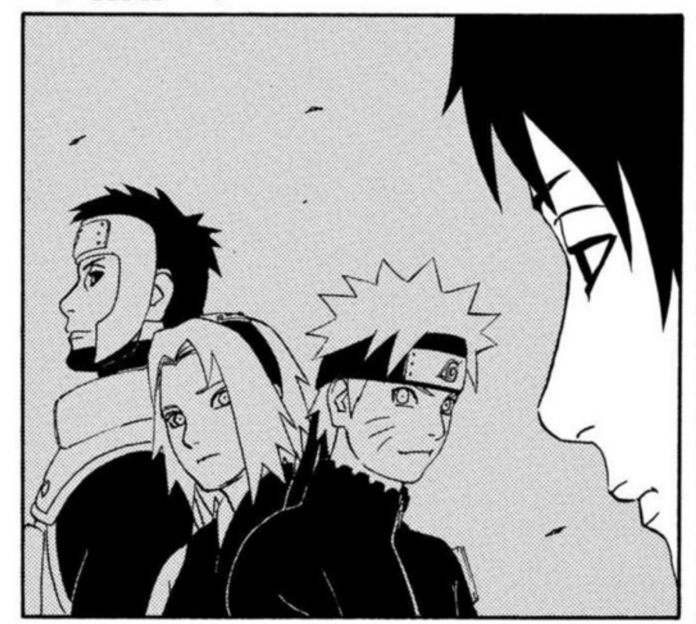

YOU KNOW WHAT THE WORD *COMRADE* MEANS?

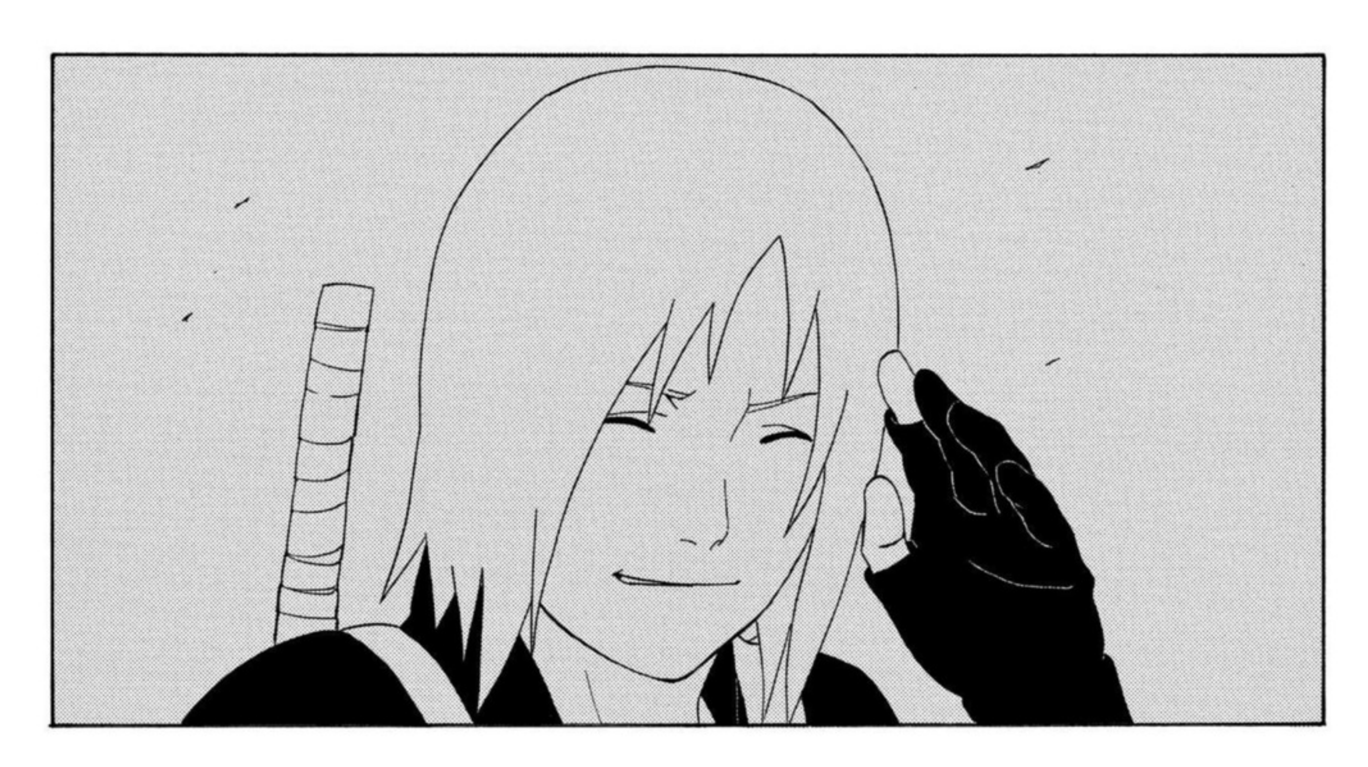

AS A MATTER OF FACT...
...I DO?
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REACH

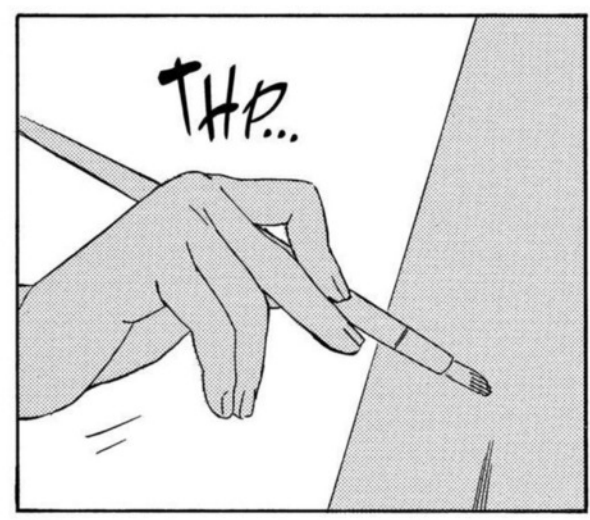

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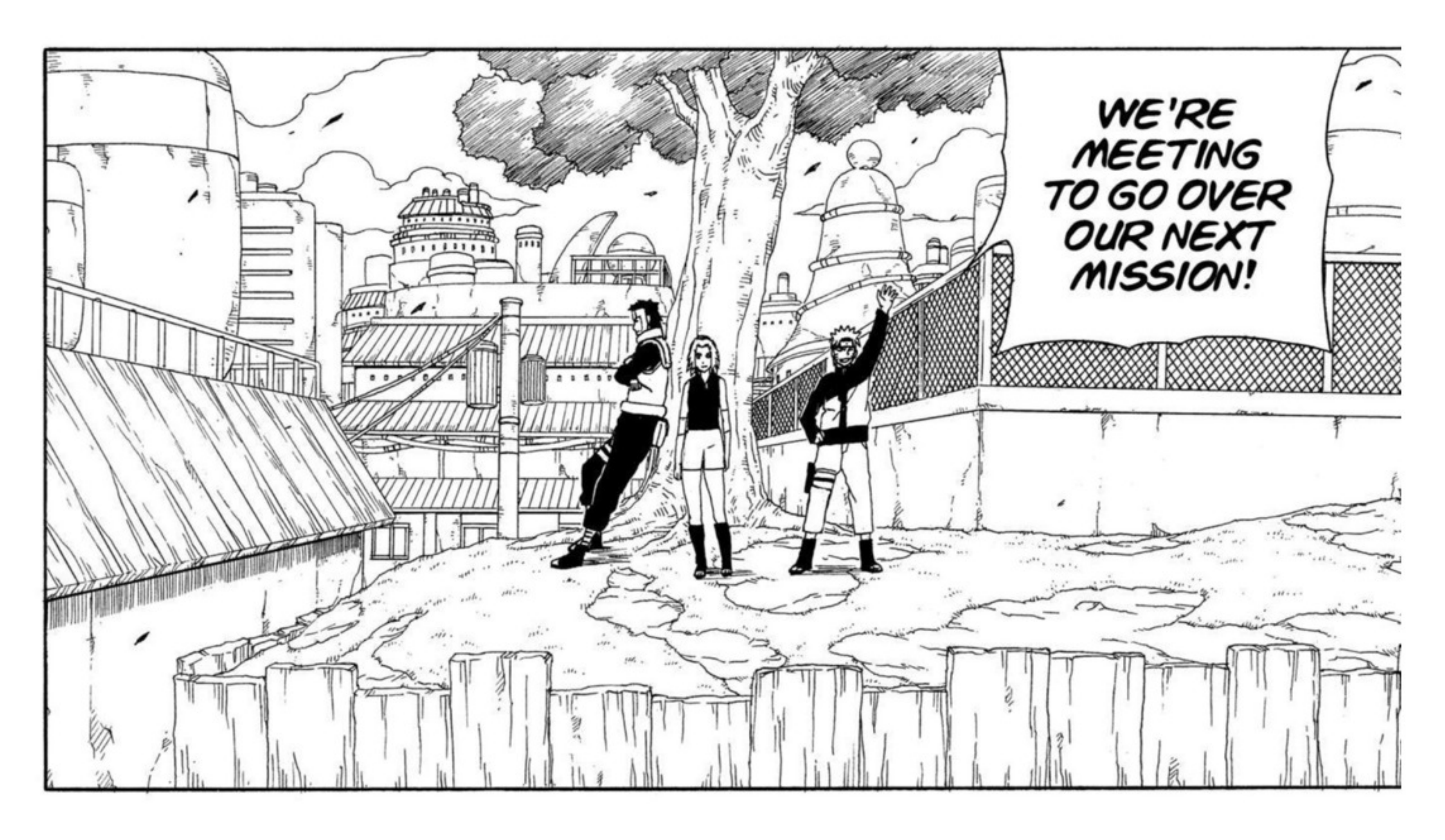


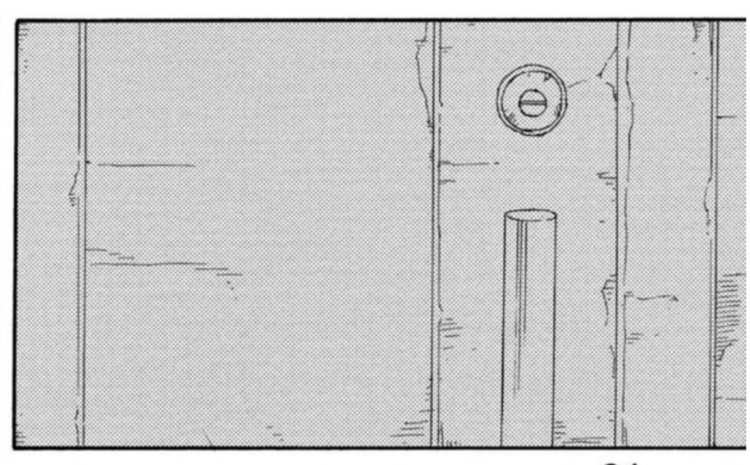





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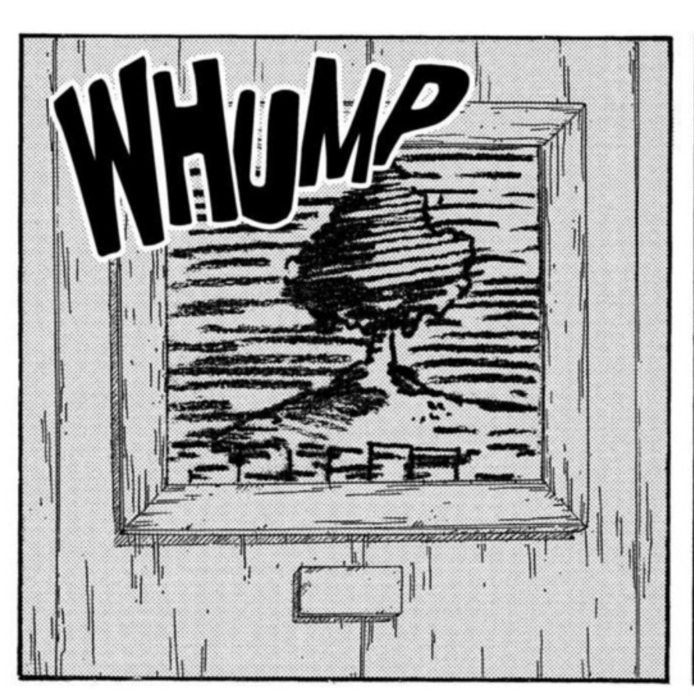


HEY!
SAI!!

WE'RE MEETING TO GO OVER OUR NEXT MISSION!

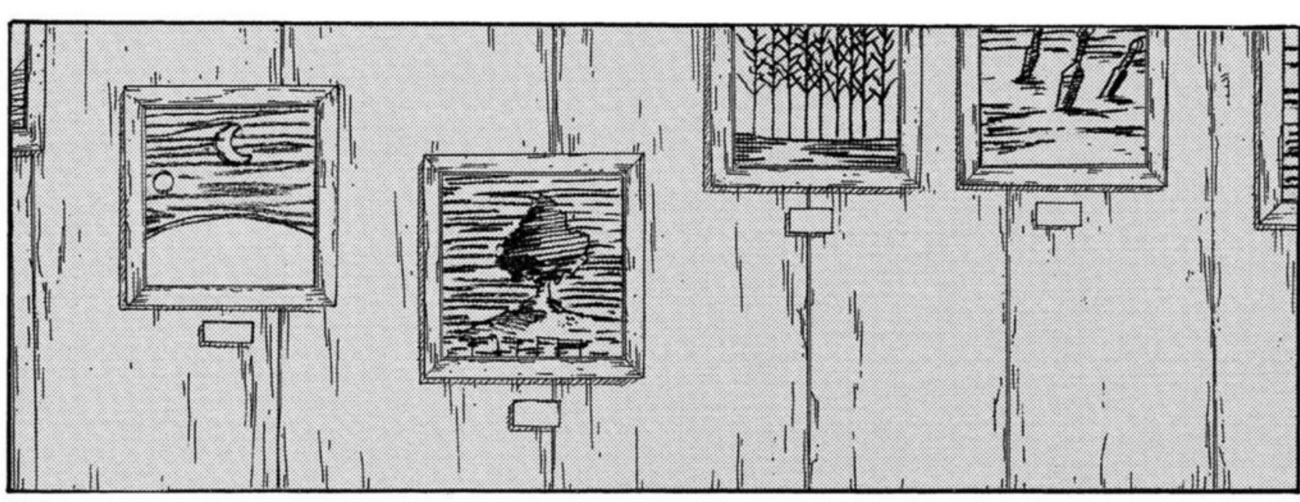
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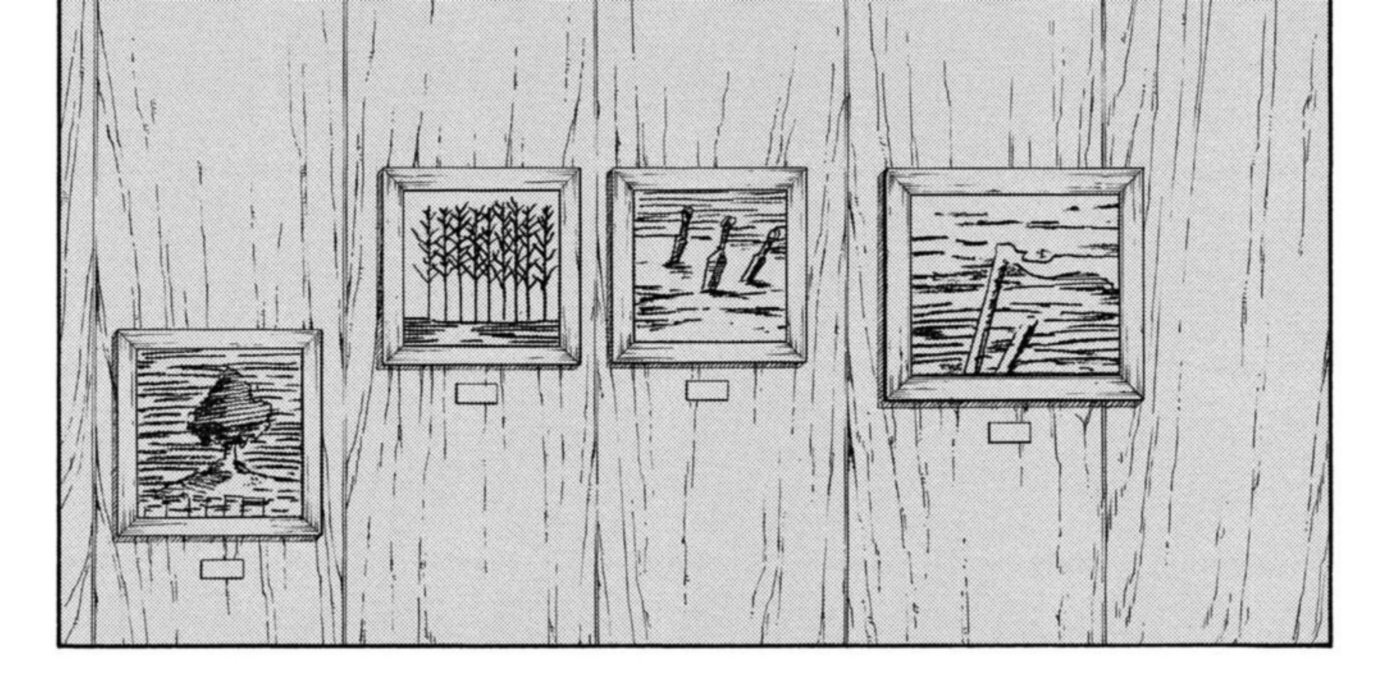



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WHUMP


CLACK...

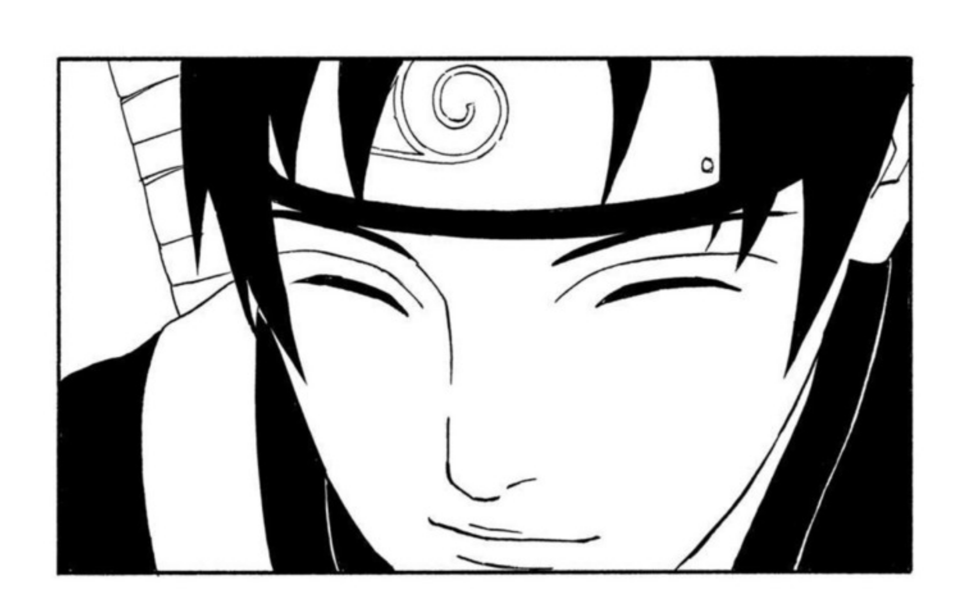






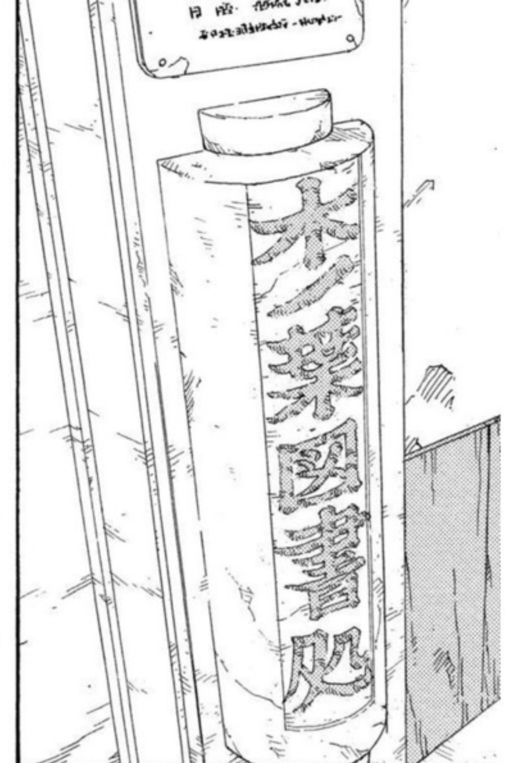


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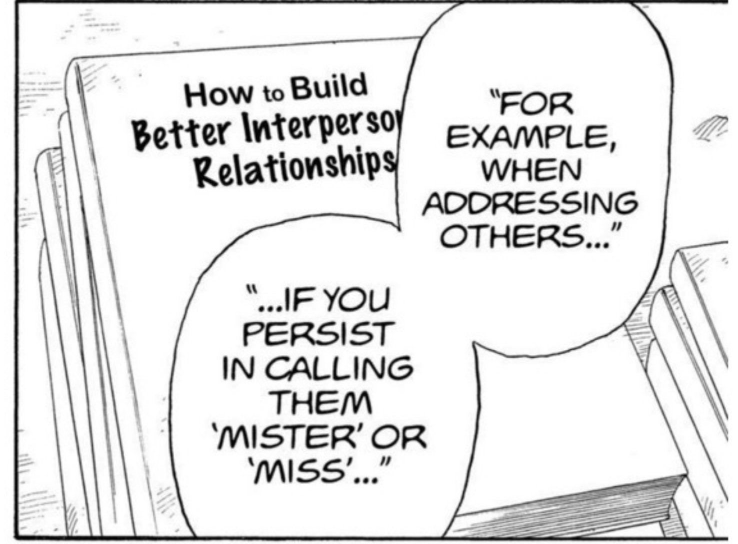


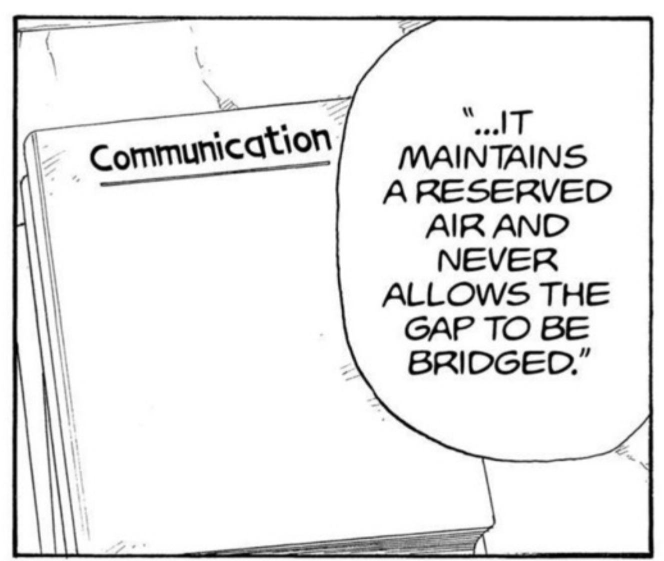


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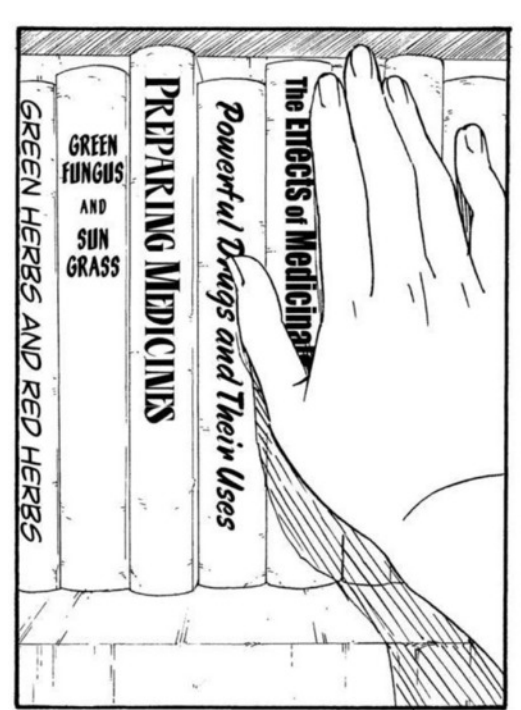


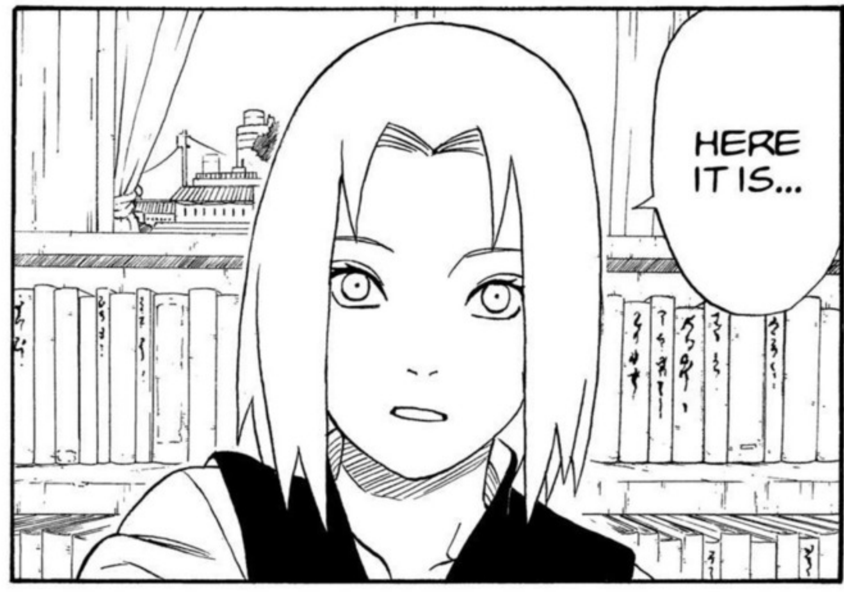


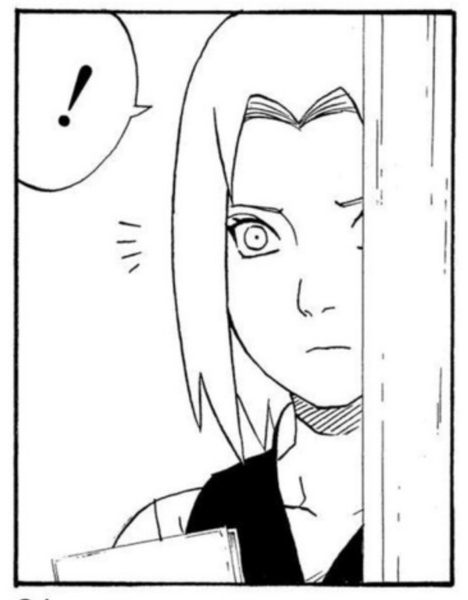



"FIRST, TRY CALLING PEOPLE BY THEIR NAME, WITHOUT ANY TITLE..."
MUTTER MUTTER
"...OR TRY COMING UP WITH A NICKNAME OR PET NAME."
HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS QUICKLY
HOW TO MAKE


"THIS WILL MAKE THEM FEEL SPECIAL..."
"...AND BRING THEM CLOSER TO YOU..."
...HUH...

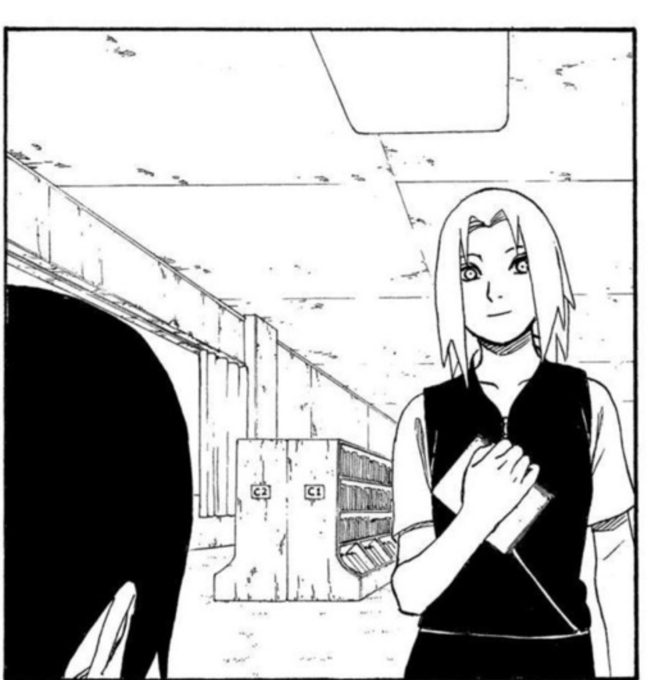

The Effects of Medicina
Powerful Drugs and Their Uses
PREPARING MEDICINES
GREEN FUNGUS AND SUN GRASS
GREEN HERBS AND RED HERBS


HERE IT IS...


!


OH...?
IT'S SAI...


DID YOU COME LOOKING FOR ART BOOKS?
!




SAKURA ...


NEVER PEGGED YOU FOR A READER.
CLATTER


OCCA-SIONALLY ...


READ THIS WAY


...!


How to Build Better Interpersonal Relationships
...


SAI'S ACTUALLY GOT QUITE A HUMAN SIDE TO HIM...

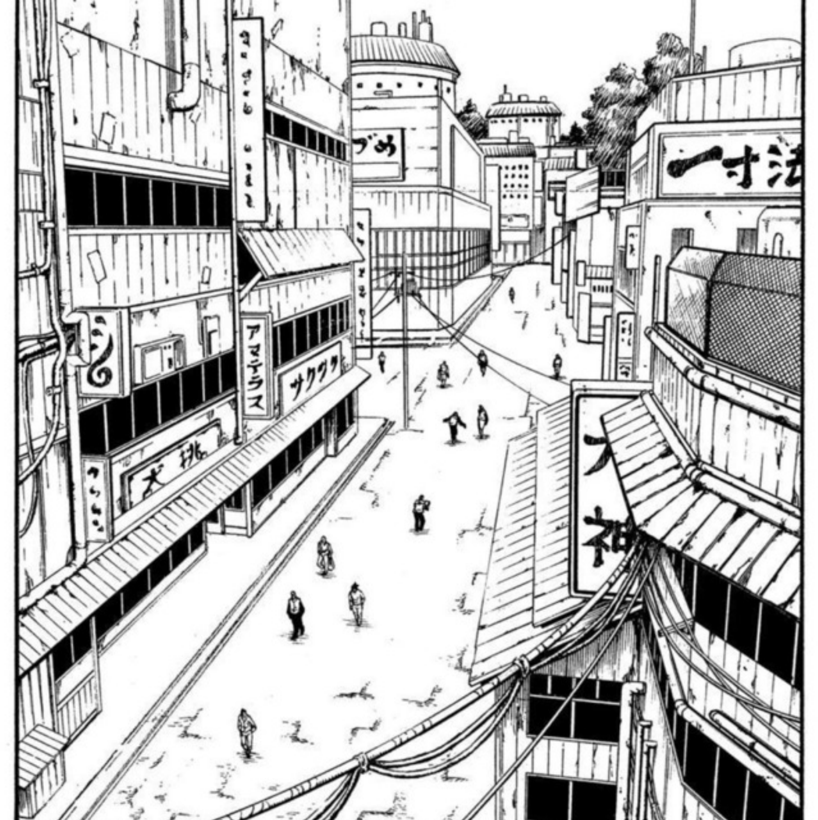

OH, I ALMOST FORGOT!
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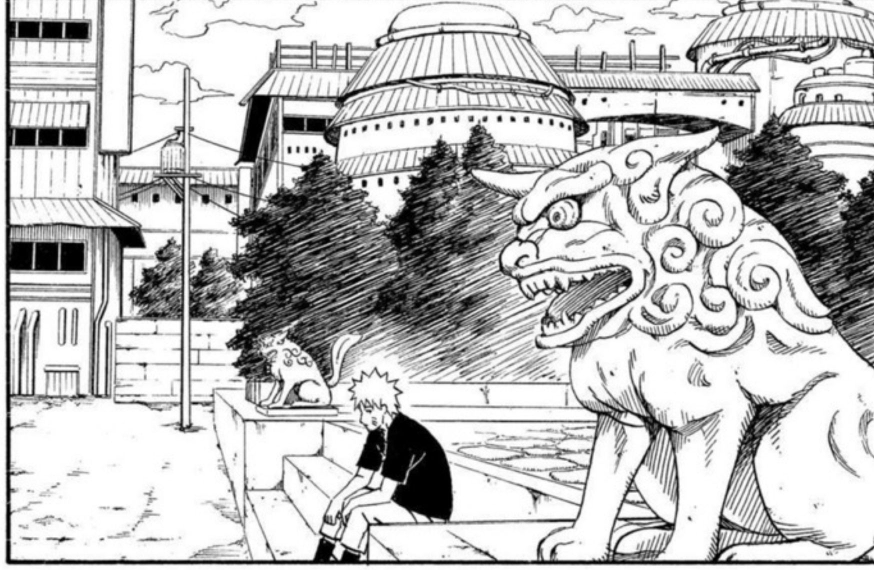

NARUTO AND I ARE GOING TO GO VISIT MASTER KAKASHI IN THE HOSPITAL.
WANNA COME WITH US?


MASTER ... KAKASHI ...

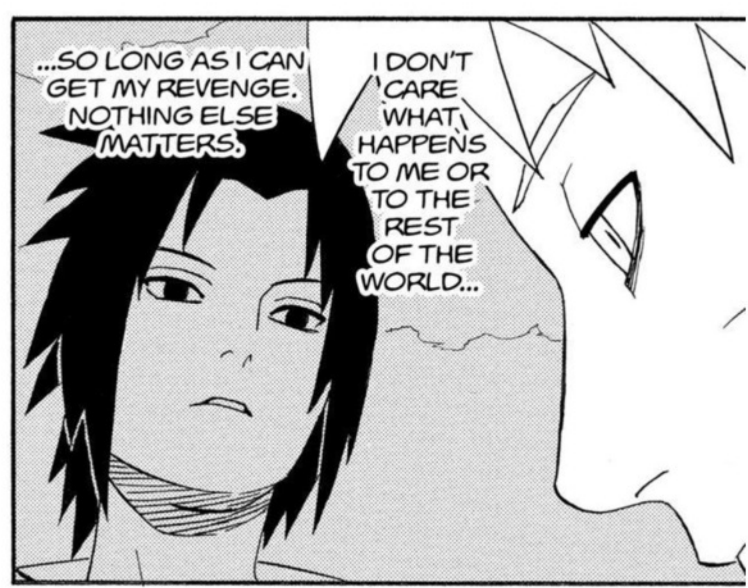

WELL, YOU ARE PART OF TEAM KAKASHI ...
...SO YOU OUGHT TO AT LEAST MEET HIM.

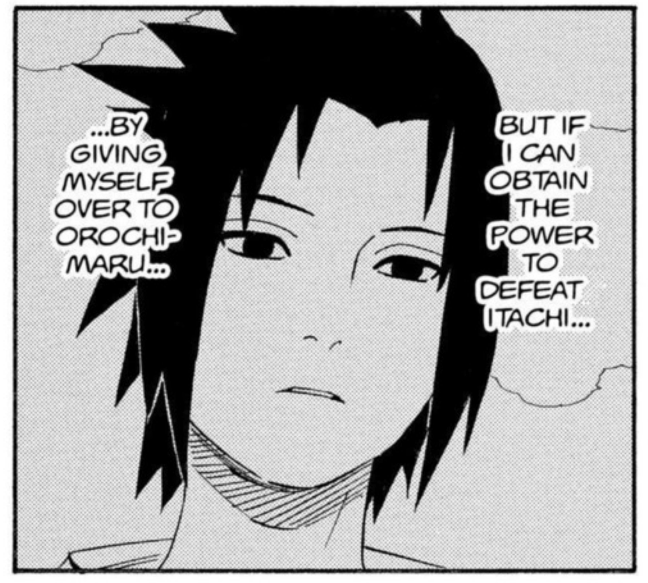

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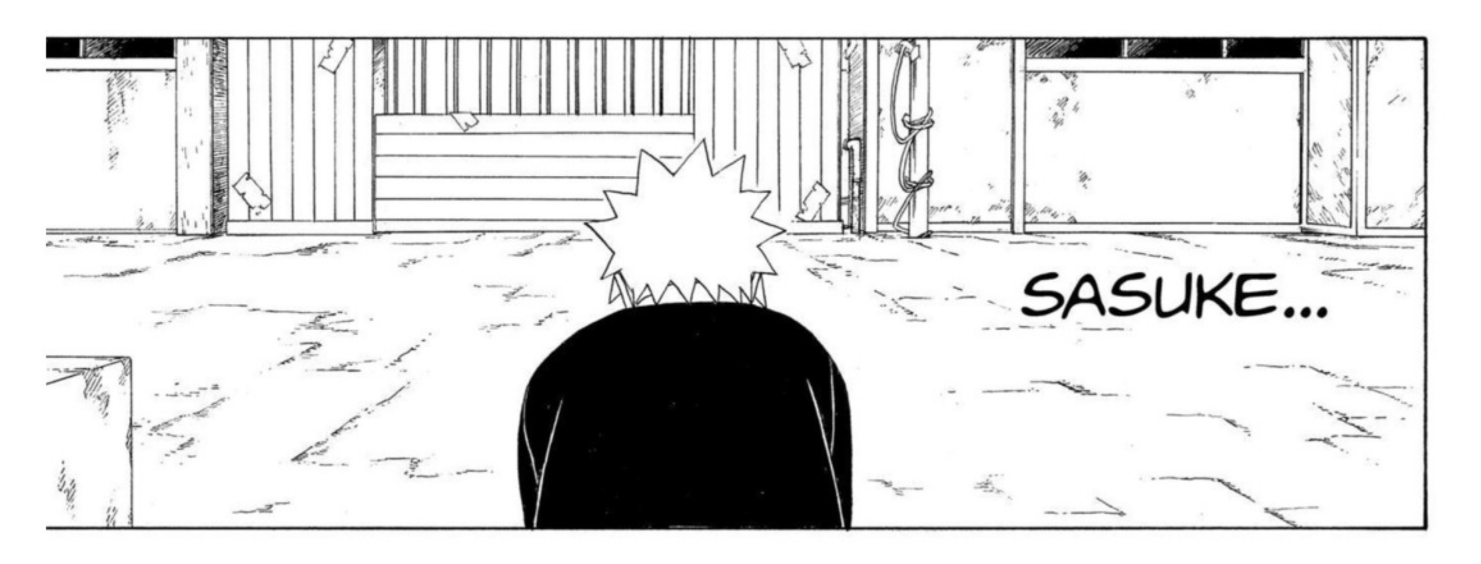

I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME OR TO THE REST OF THE WORLD...
...SO LONG AS I CAN GET MY REVENGE. NOTHING ELSE MATTERS.


BUT IF I CAN OBTAIN THE POWER TO DEFEAT ITACHI...
...BY GIVING MYSELF OVER TO OROCHI-MARU...


READ
THIS
WAY

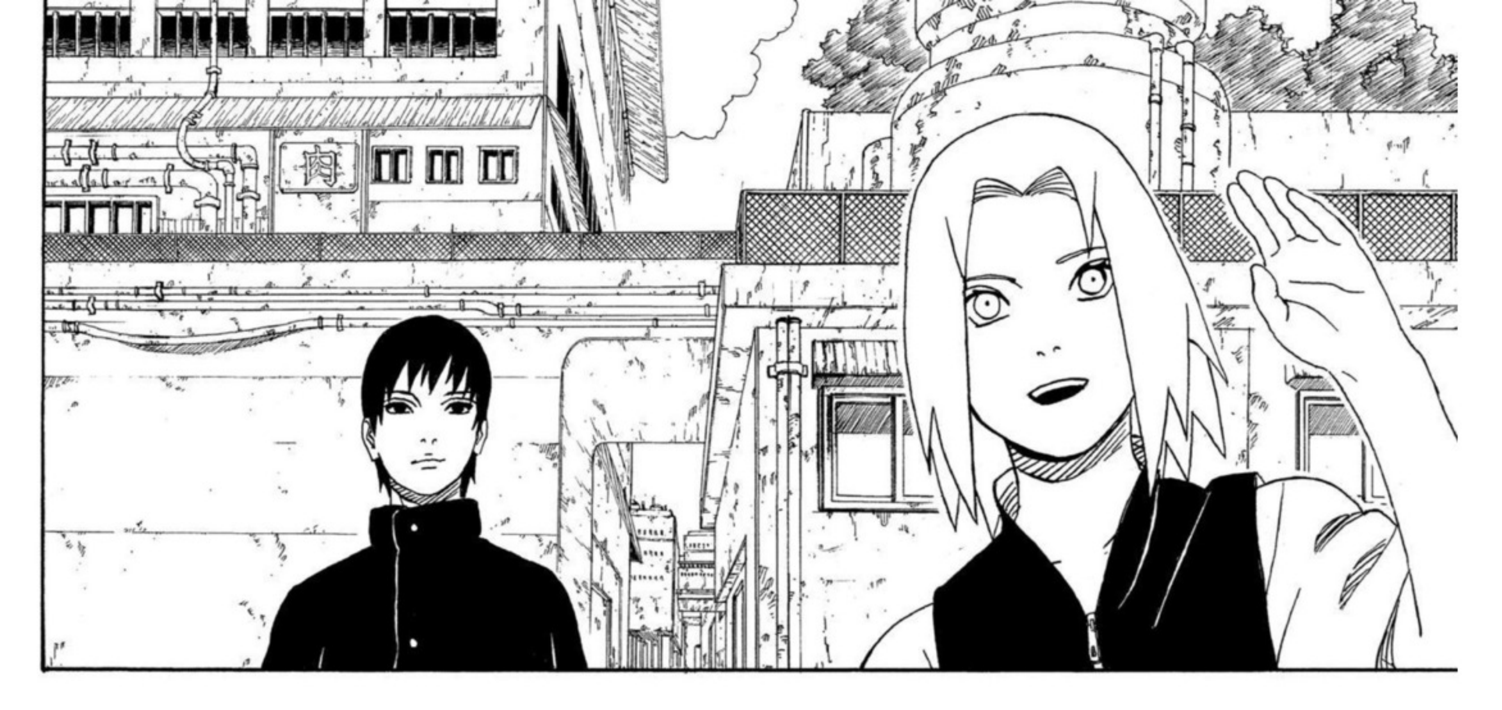

I WOULD GLADLY GIVE HIM MY LIFE MANY TIMES OVER.


...


SASUKE...

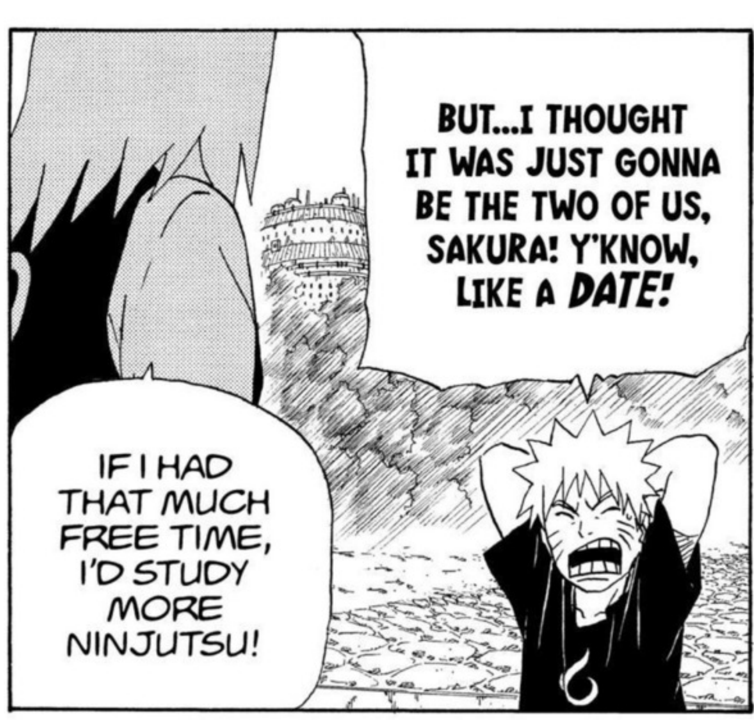

NARUTO!
!


HUH ...?

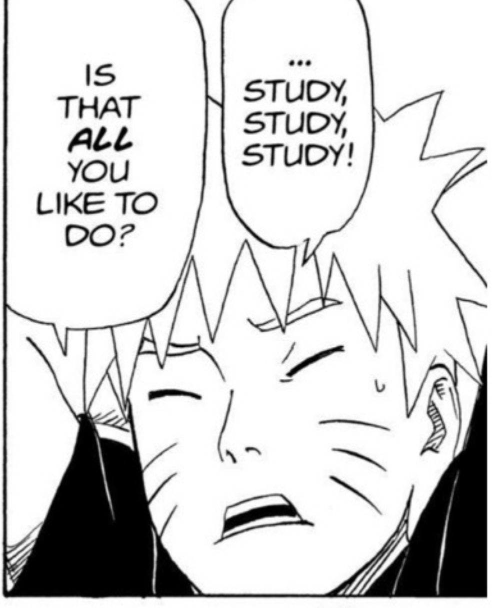




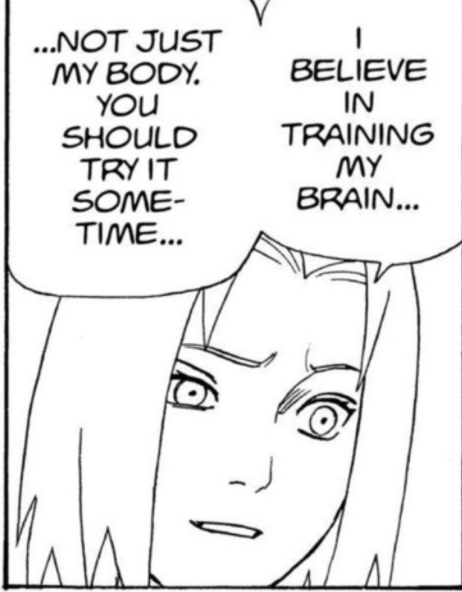
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I RAN INTO HIM AT THE LIBRARY.



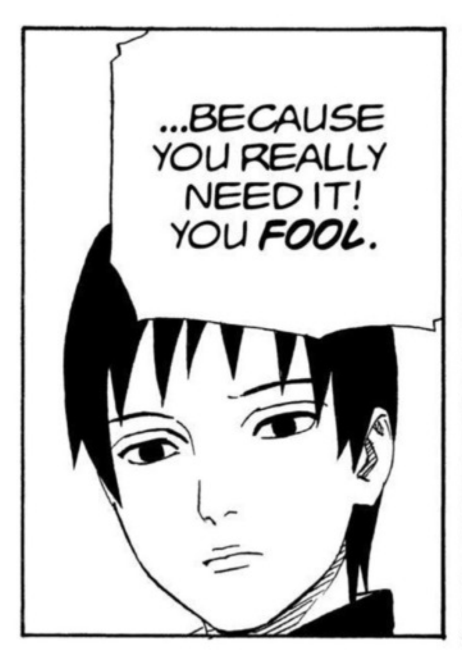
BUT...I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST GONNA BE THE TWO OF US, SAKURA! Y'KNOW, LIKE A **DATE!**
IF I HAD THAT MUCH FREE TIME, I'D STUDY MORE NINJUTSU!



...STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!
IS THAT **ALL** YOU LIKE TO DO?

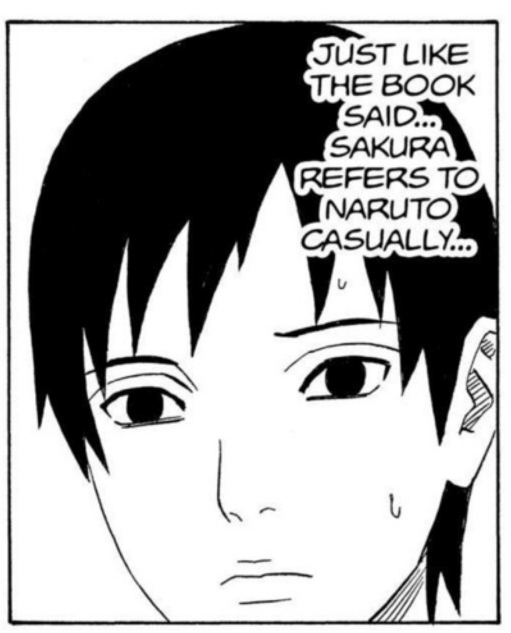


I BELIEVE IN TRAINING MY BRAIN...
...NOT JUST MY BODY. YOU SHOULD TRY IT SOME-TIME...

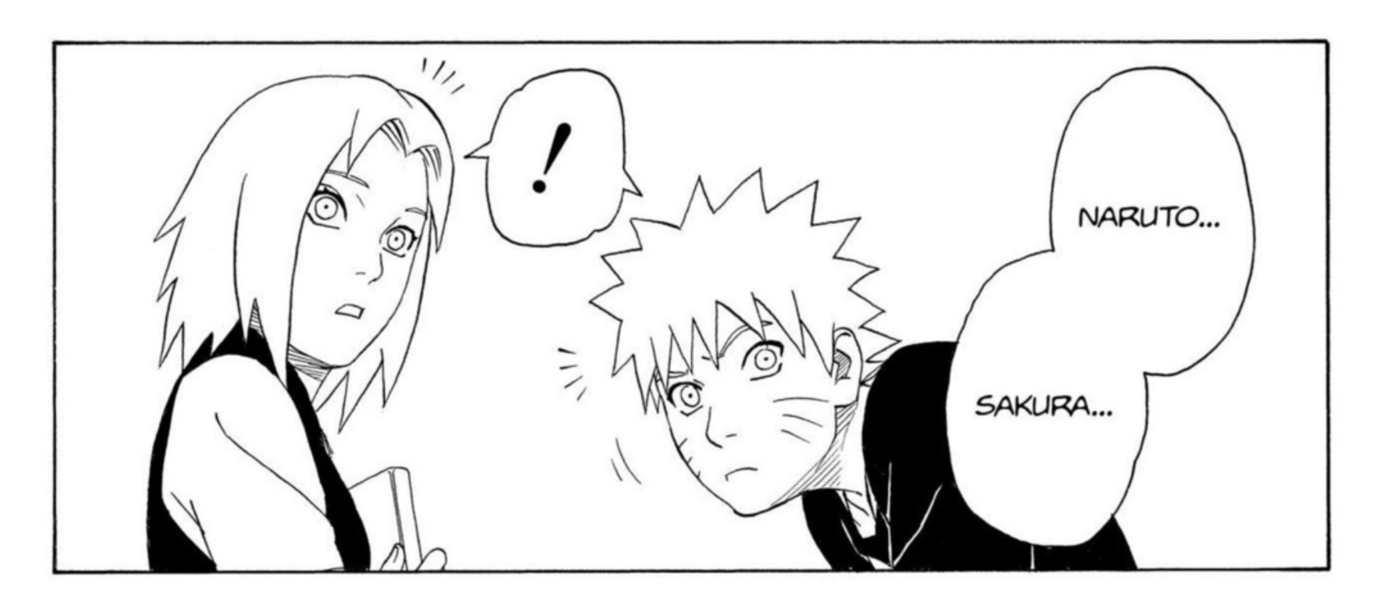


...BECAUSE YOU REALLY NEED IT! YOU **FOOL**.


READ THIS WAY

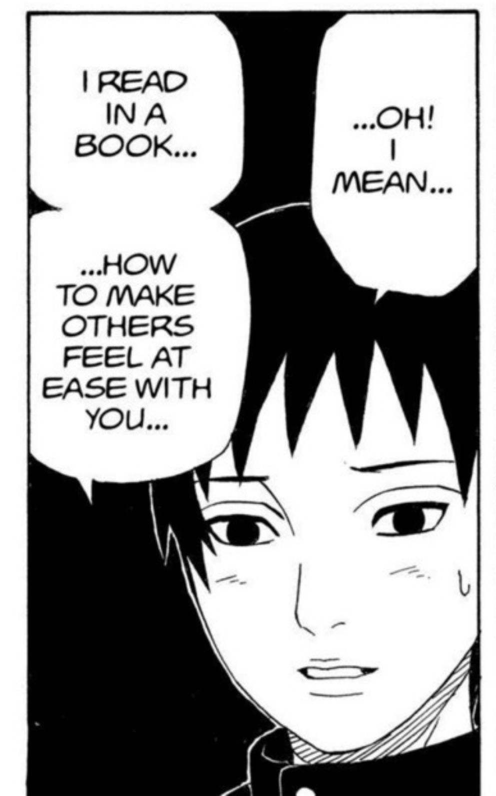

JUST LIKE THE BOOK SAID... SAKURA REFERS TO NARUTO CASUALLY...


SAKURA!
...DON'T SAY THAT!

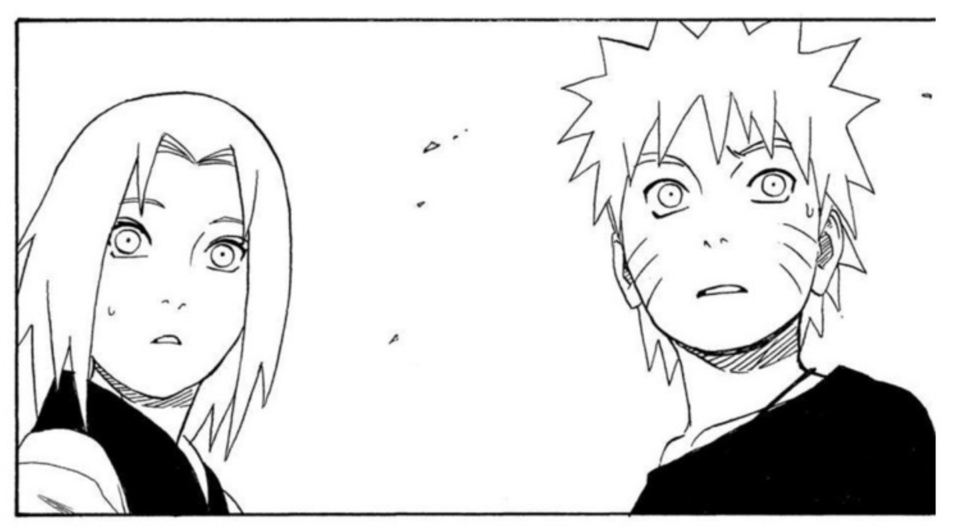

NARUTO...
SAKURA...
!


MIND IF I JOIN?


...?


...OH! I MEAN...
I READ IN A BOOK...
...HOW TO MAKE OTHERS FEEL AT EASE WITH YOU...

IT SAID TO BE CASUAL WITH THEIR NAMES...
...OR CALL THEM BY A NICKNAME OR PET NAME...
...AND THAT WILL BREED FAMILIARITY AND QUICKLY LEAD TO FRIEND-SHIP...





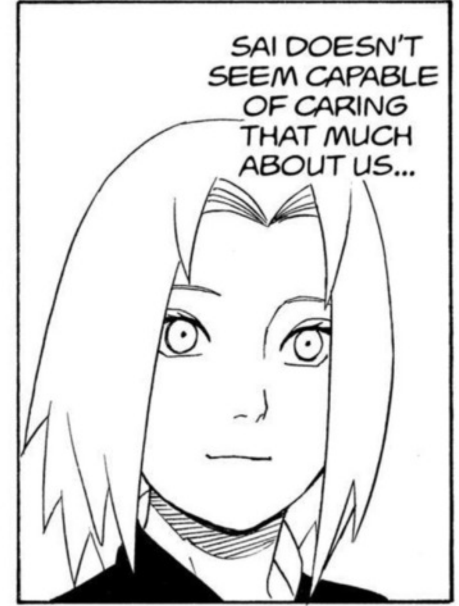






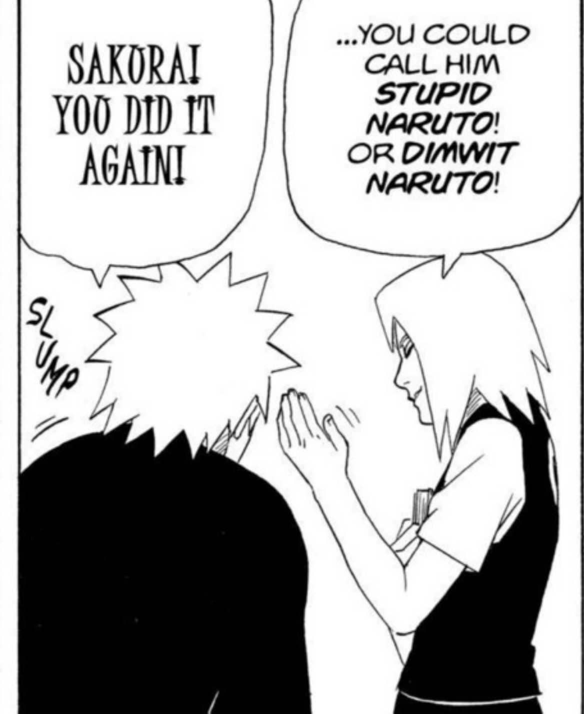

READ THIS WAY


SO...I WAS TRYING TO THINK OF NICKNAMES OR PET NAMES FOR THE TWO OF YOU...
...AND I COULDN'T REALLY THINK OF ANY, SO I DECIDED TO JUST GO WITH REFERRING TO YOU CASUALLY...


SAI DOESN'T SEEM CAPABLE OF CARING THAT MUCH ABOUT US...


DON'T THINK SO HARD. JUST LET IT COME NATURALLY!


PET NAMES AND NICKNAMES OFTEN REFER TO THAT PERSON'S PERSONALITY TRAITS.
TAKE NARUTO, FOR EXAMPLE ...


...YOU COULD CALL HIM STUPID NARUTO! OR DIMWIT NARUTO!
SAKURA! YOU DID IT AGAIN!
SLUMP


I SEE... PERSONALITY TRAITS, HUH...


WOW, SAI'S...
...SO DIFFERENT FROM WHEN WE FIRST MET HIM...

THANKS FOR THE TIP...

... HOMELY.

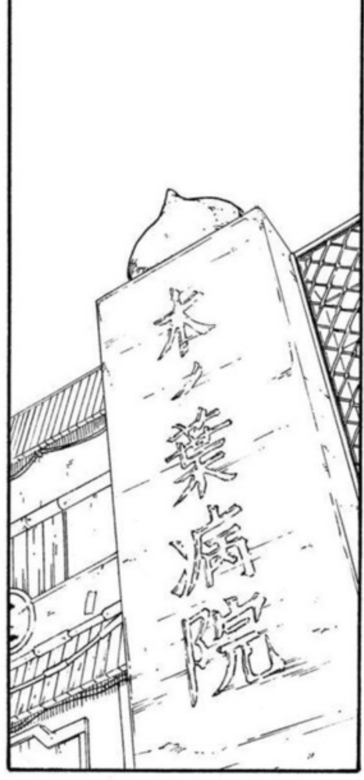
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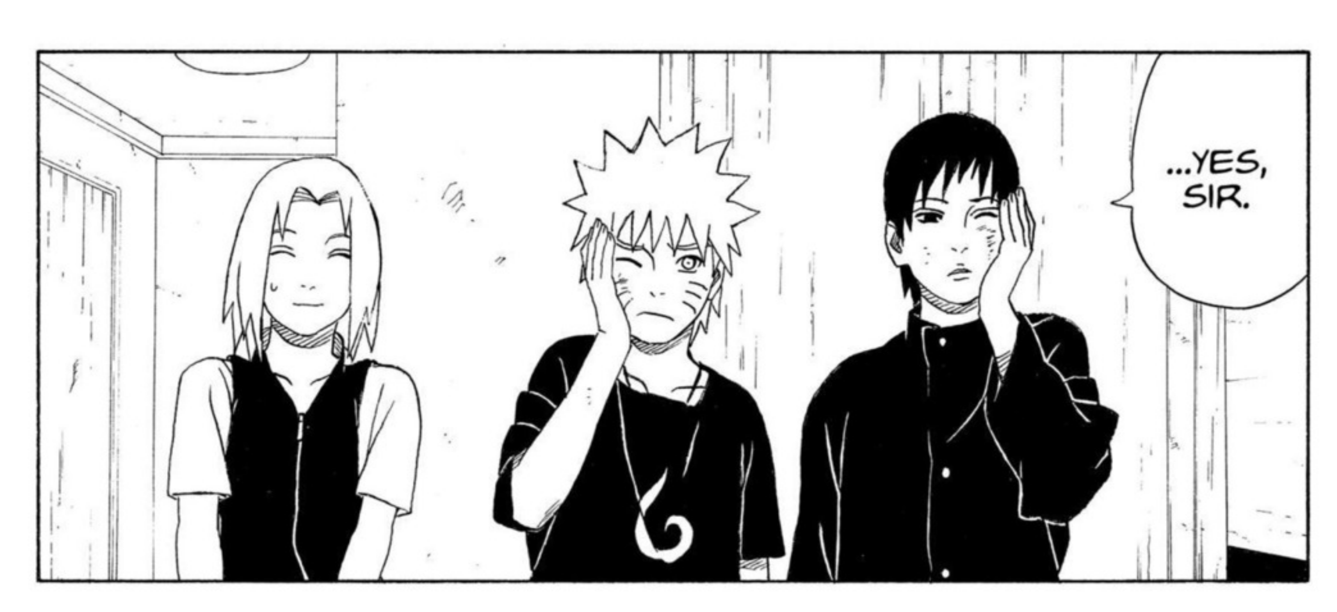
HOMELY!!! WHO ARE YOU CALLING HOMELY ...???

NOW THAT WAS A REALLY CHEAP SHOT, SAI!

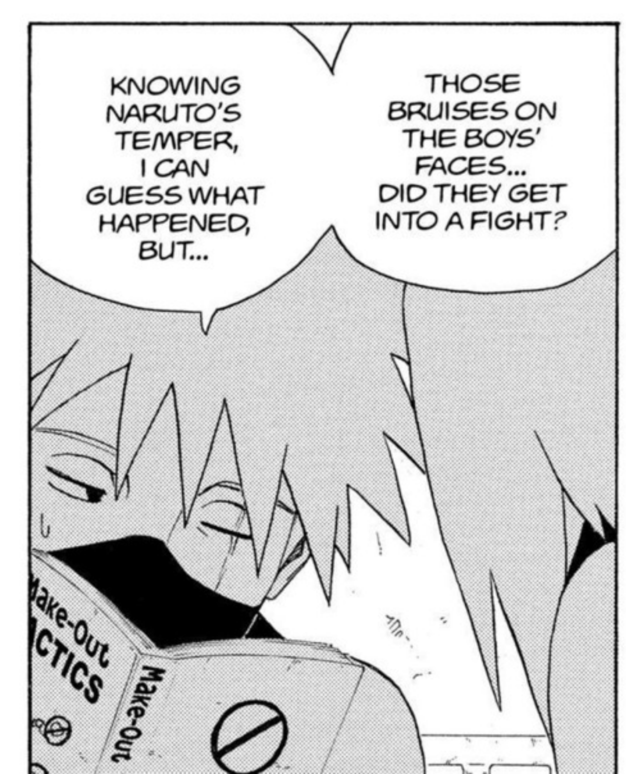
...HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


木ノ葉病院


I SEE... SO YOU'RE THE NEW TEAM MEMBER ...
...SAI, IS IT?
NICE TO MEET YOU.

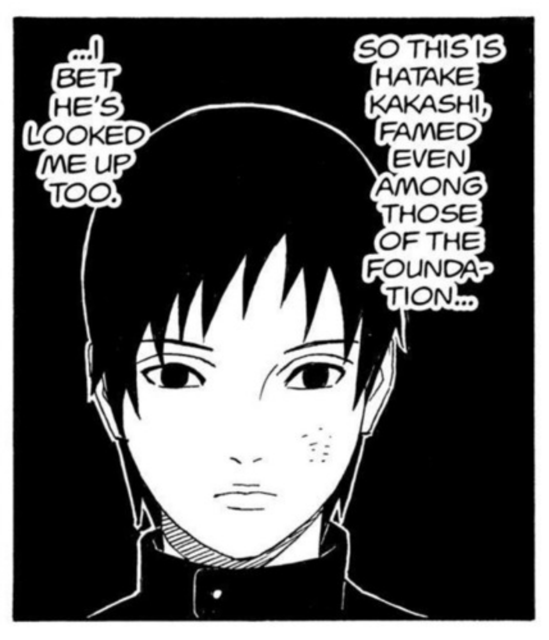

...YES, SIR.

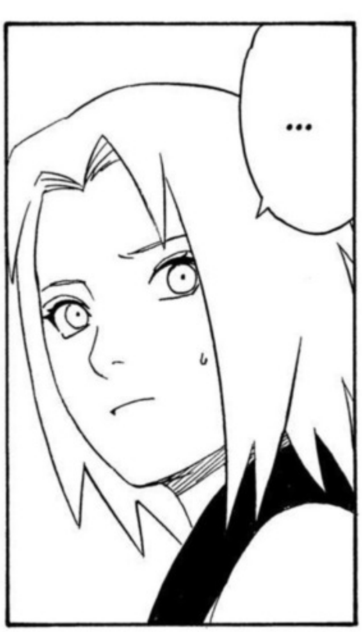

HEY, SAKURA, COME HERE A SECOND ...
?
FWP
FWP
TEP


THOSE BRUISES ON THE BOYS' FACES... DID THEY GET INTO A FIGHT?
KNOWING NARUTO'S TEMPER, I CAN GUESS WHAT HAPPENED, BUT...
Make-Out
Make-Out


O-OH, NO, IT'S NOTHING ...
...WE ALL GET ALONG JUST FINE!
IF YOU SAY SO...

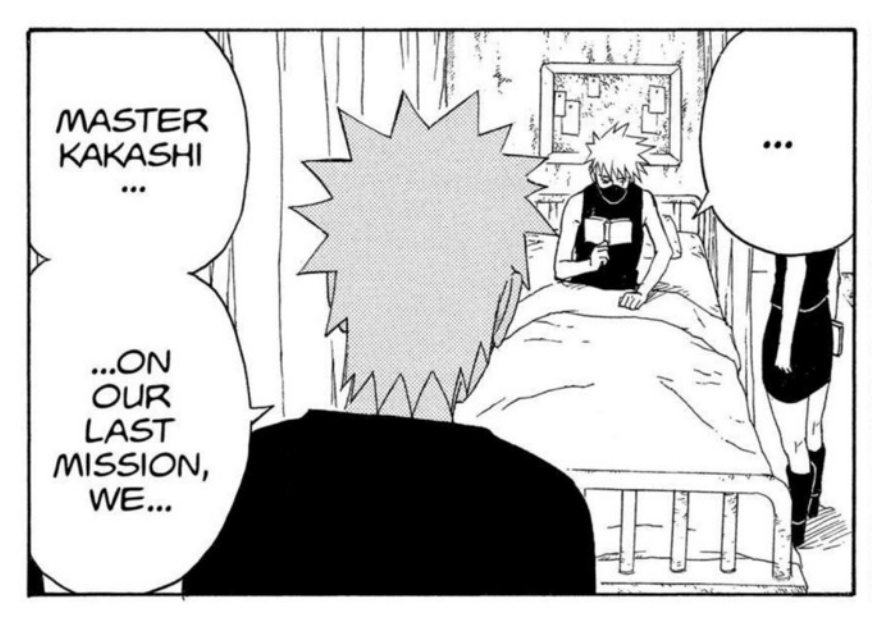

...
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A-HA HA HA...


SO THIS IS HATAKE KAKASHI, FAMED EVEN AMONG THOSE OF THE FOUNDA-TION...
...I BET HE'S LOOKED ME UP TOO.


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NARUTO ...


YUP...


...
MASTER KAKASHI ...
...ON OUR LAST MISSION, WE...

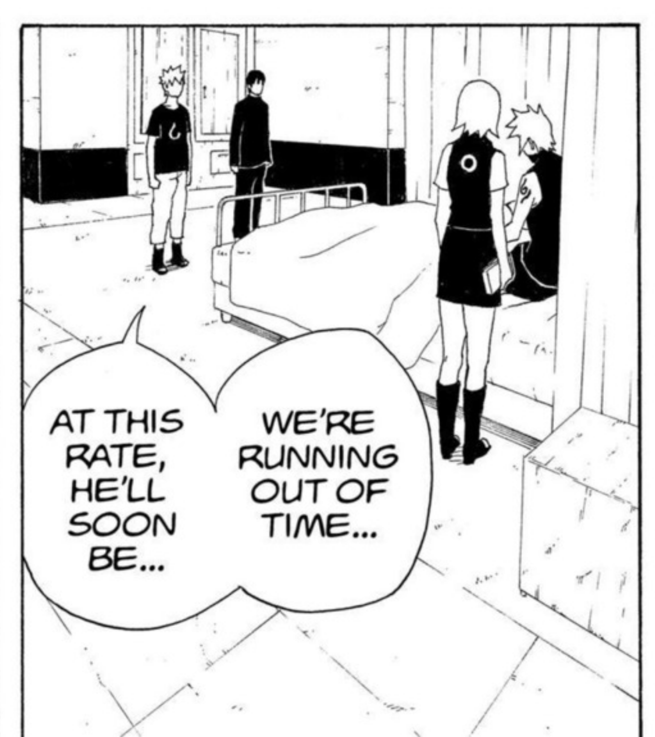

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YAMATO TOLD ME EVERY-THING.
ALL ABOUT SASUKE TOO...


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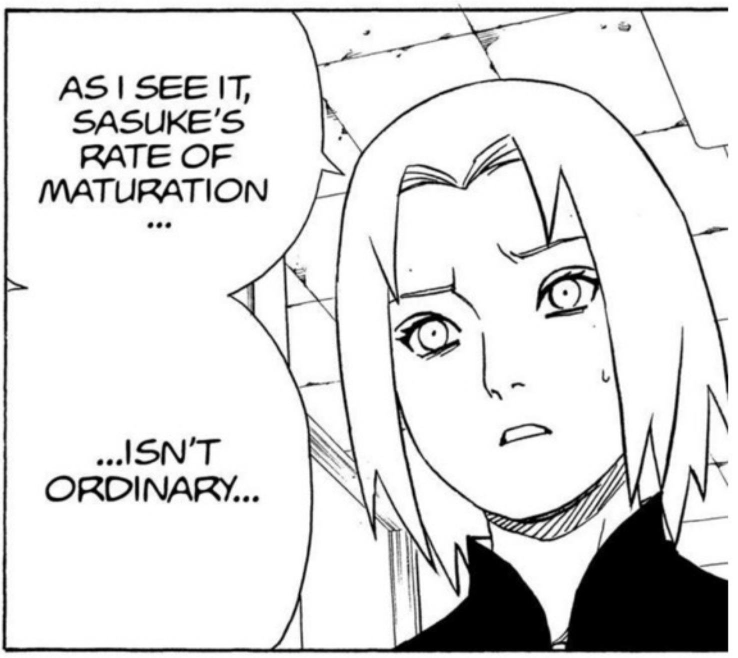

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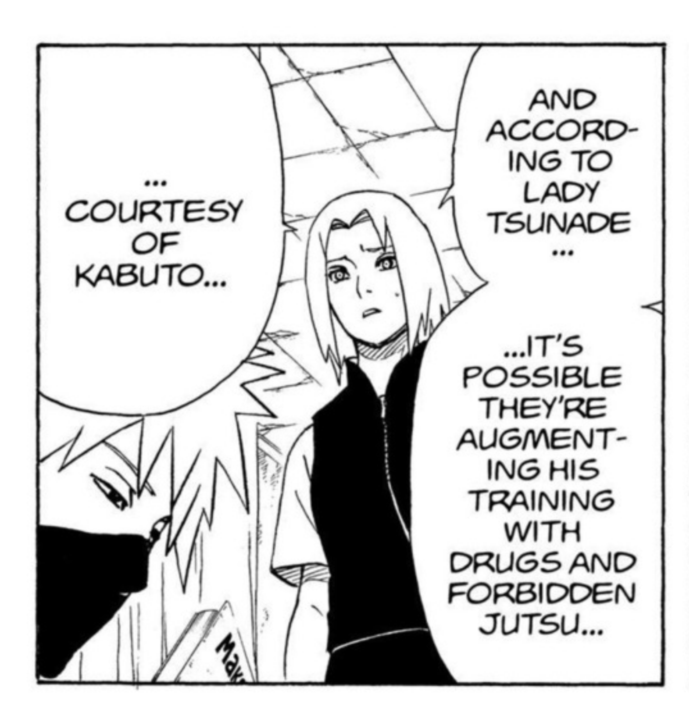

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME...
AT THIS RATE, HE'LL SOON BE...

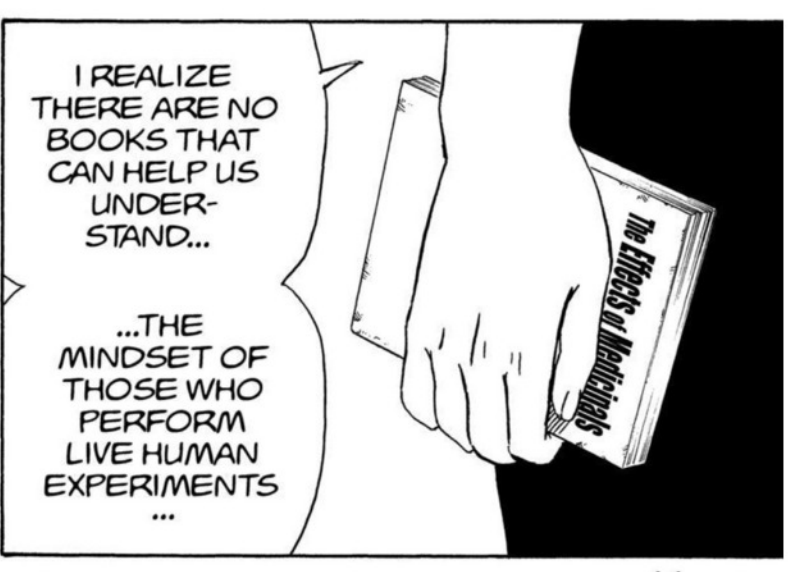

AND WHERE I'M AT NOW, I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO BRING SASUKE BACK...
...HE'S BECOME TOO STRONG...


WELL ...IN THAT CASE...
...YOU JUST NEED TO GET EVEN STRONGER THAN THAT.
Make-Out TACTICS


...!


AS I SEE IT, SASUKE'S RATE OF MATURATION ...
...ISN'T ORDINARY...

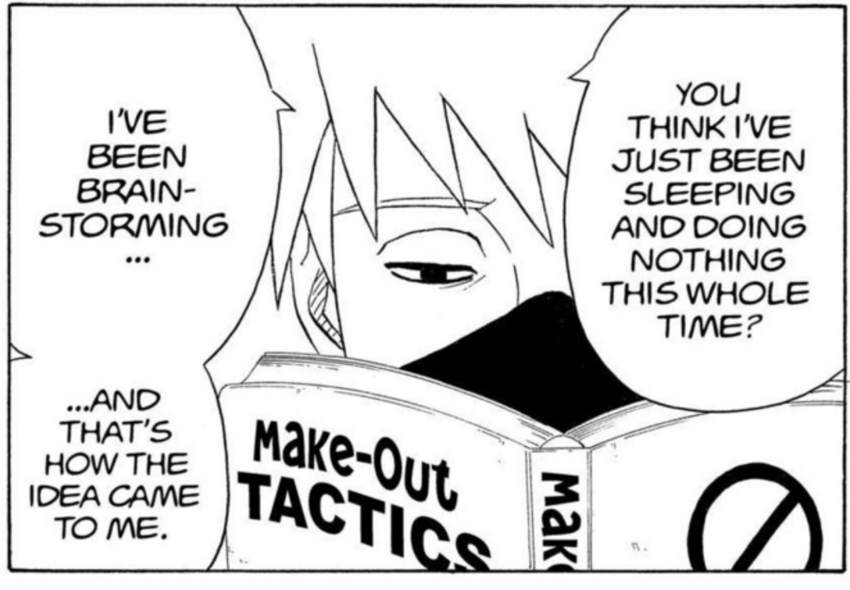

AND ACCORD-ING TO LADY TSUNADE ...
...IT'S POSSIBLE THEY'RE AUGMENT-ING HIS TRAINING WITH DRUGS AND FORBIDDEN JUTSU...
... COURTESY OF KABUTO...

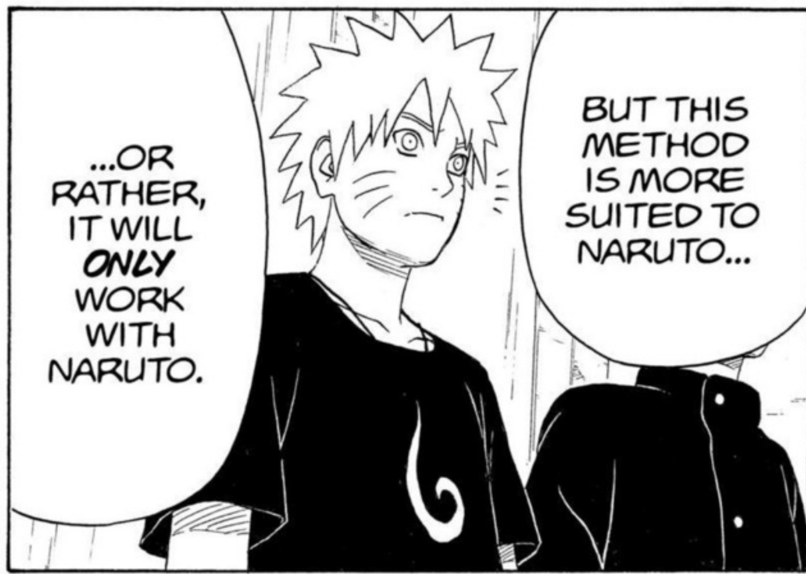

I REALIZE THERE ARE NO BOOKS THAT CAN HELP US UNDER-STAND...
...THE MINDSET OF THOSE WHO PERFORM LIVE HUMAN EXPERIMENTS ...
The Effects of Medicinals


WHICH IS WHY THE ONLY THING WE **CAN** DO IS SUPER-ACCELERATE OUR OWN GROWTH.

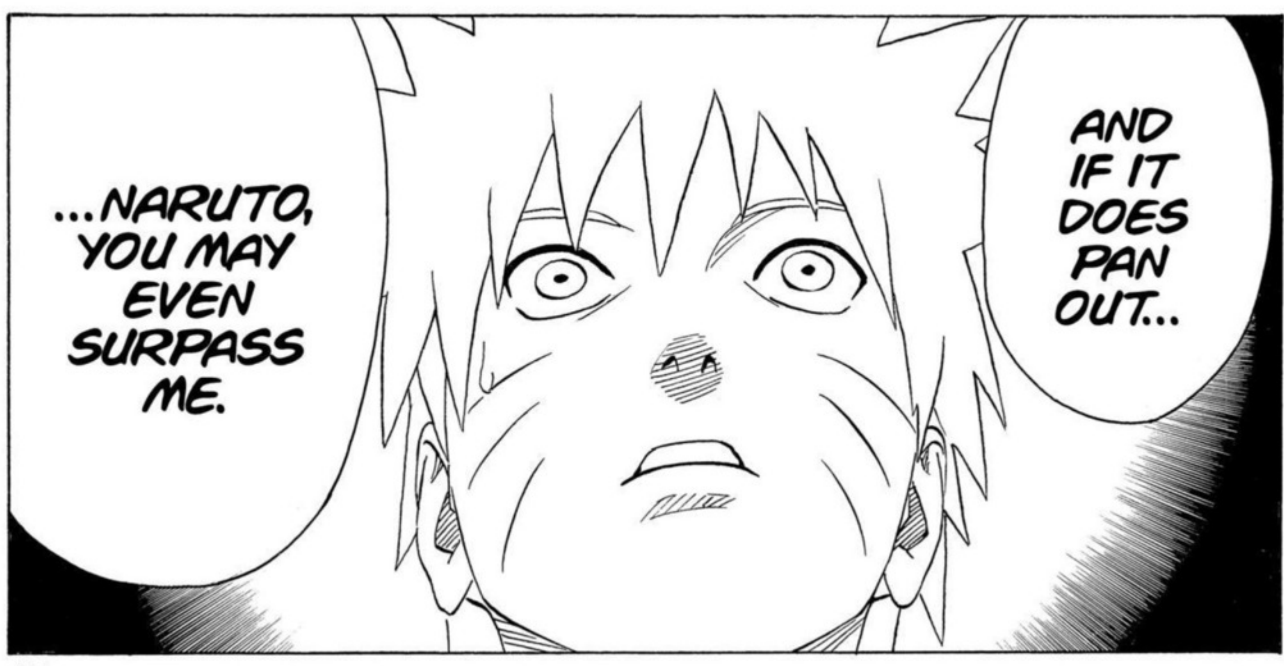

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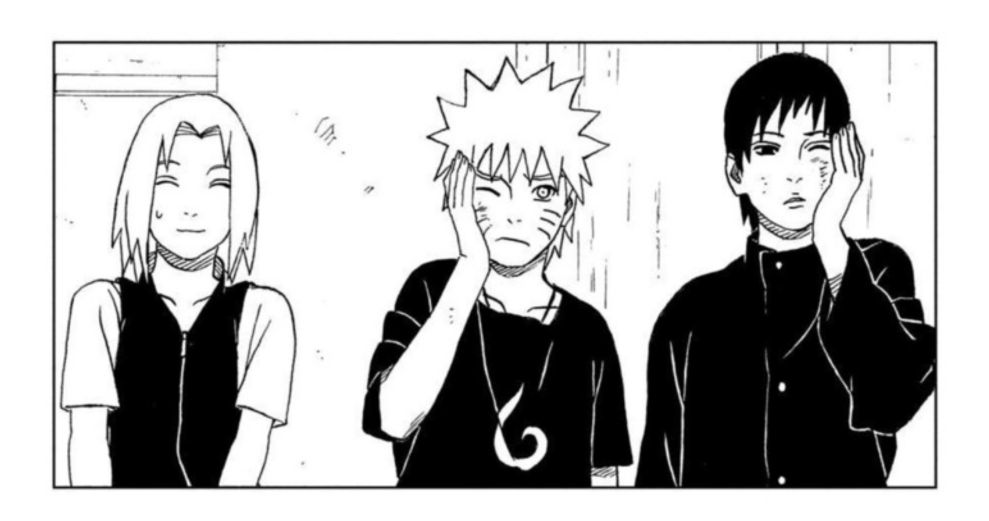

BUT HOW?


YOU THINK I'VE JUST BEEN SLEEPING AND DOING NOTHING THIS WHOLE TIME?
I'VE BEEN BRAIN-STORMING ...
...AND THAT'S HOW THE IDEA CAME TO ME.
Make-Out TACTICS


BUT THIS METHOD IS MORE SUITED TO NARUTO...
...OR RATHER, IT WILL ONLY WORK WITH NARUTO.


...
HM...

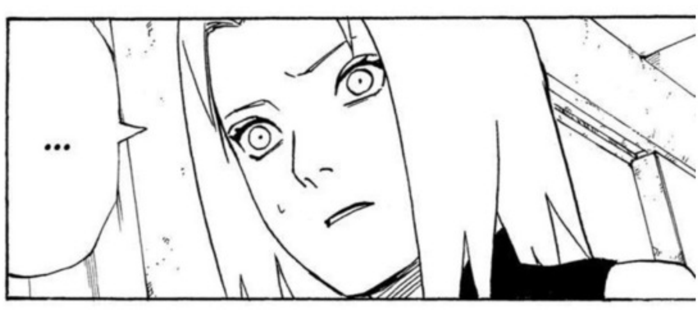

AND IF IT DOES PAN OUT...
...NARUTO, YOU MAY EVEN SURPASS ME.




Number 312: The Impending Menace!!


... SURPASS YOU, MASTER KAKASHI ...?

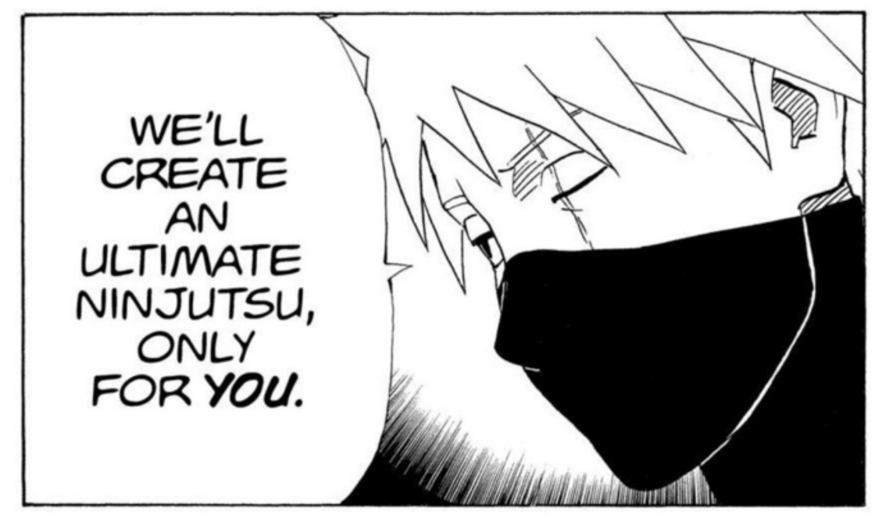

THAT'S RIGHT.


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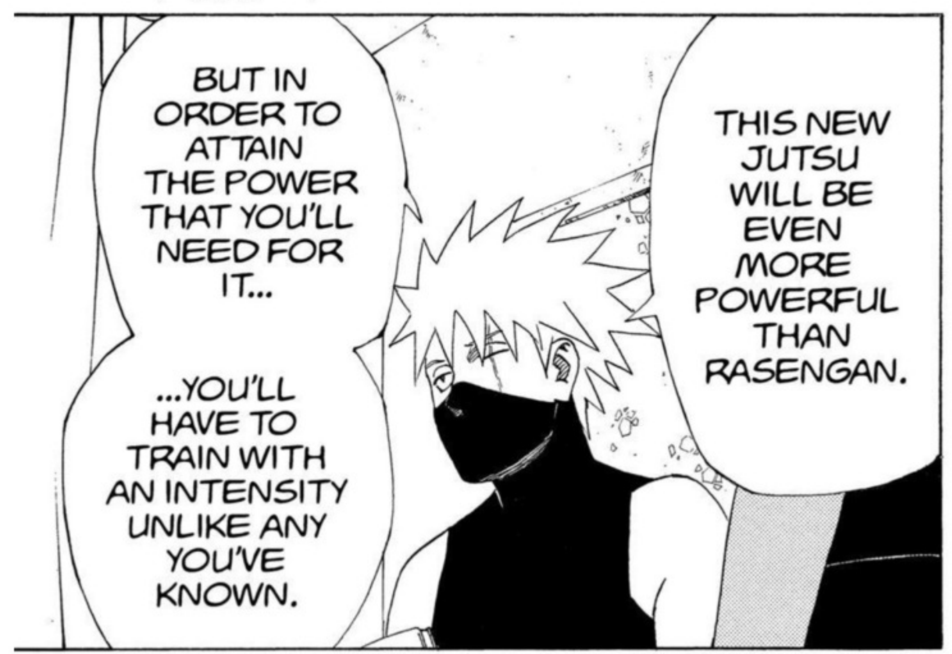

I'LL BE WORKING WITH YOU ONE-ON-ONE...
...IT'LL BE TRAINING LIKE YOU'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE.

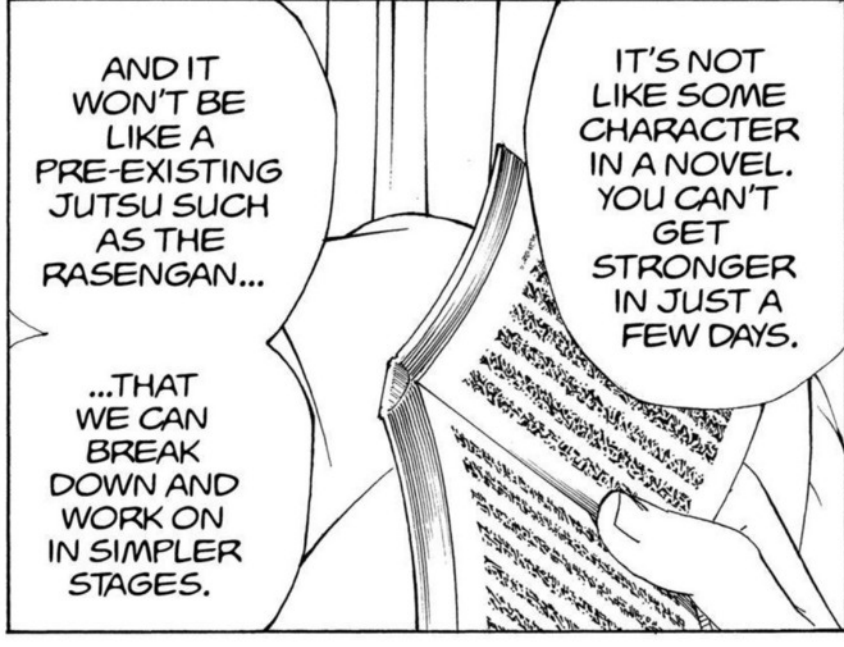

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NEVER ...? HOW ...?


WE'LL CREATE AN ULTIMATE NINJUTSU, ONLY FOR YOU.

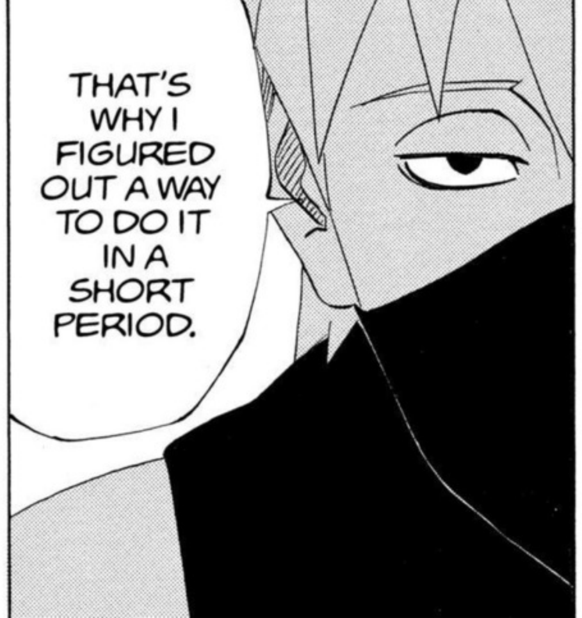

READ
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WAY




THIS NEW JUTSU WILL BE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN RASENGAN.
BUT IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE POWER THAT YOU'LL NEED FOR IT...
...YOU'LL HAVE TO TRAIN WITH AN INTENSITY UNLIKE ANY YOU'VE KNOWN.


IT'S NOT LIKE SOME CHARACTER IN A NOVEL. YOU CAN'T GET STRONGER IN JUST A FEW DAYS.
AND IT WON'T BE LIKE A PRE-EXISTING JUTSU SUCH AS THE RASENGAN...
...THAT WE CAN BREAK DOWN AND WORK ON IN SIMPLER STAGES.


... MASSIVE AMOUNT OF TIME ...?
BUT I JUST TOLD YOU, WE'RE OUT OF TIME! SASUKE'S ALMOST...


THAT'S WHY I FIGURED OUT A WAY TO DO IT IN A SHORT PERIOD.


...!


H-HOW ...?
WELL ...

CLATTER...

HOW YOU FEELING, KAKASHI?

HIYA.

MASTER ASUMA, COULD YOU KNOCK FIRST?!




READ
THIS
WAY

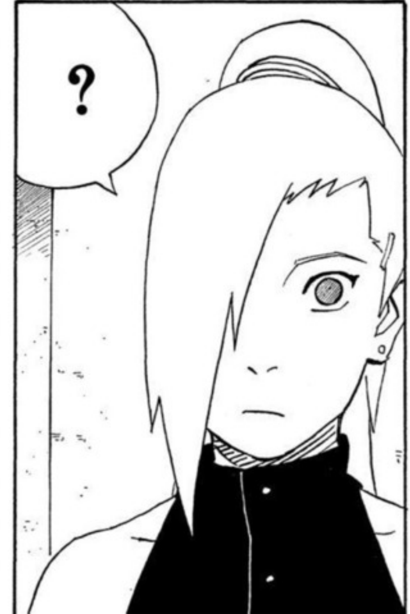

HEY, IF IT ISN'T NARUTO AND SAKURA.
YOU'RE BACK ALREADY...


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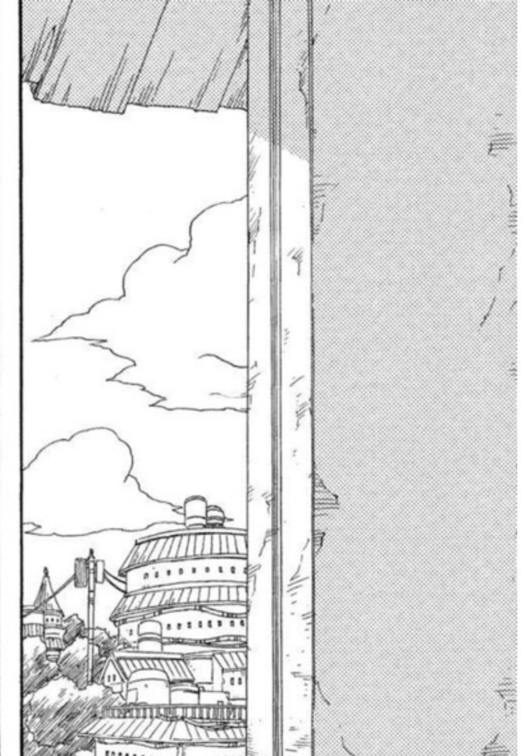



YOU'RE THAT KID FROM...


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OH!


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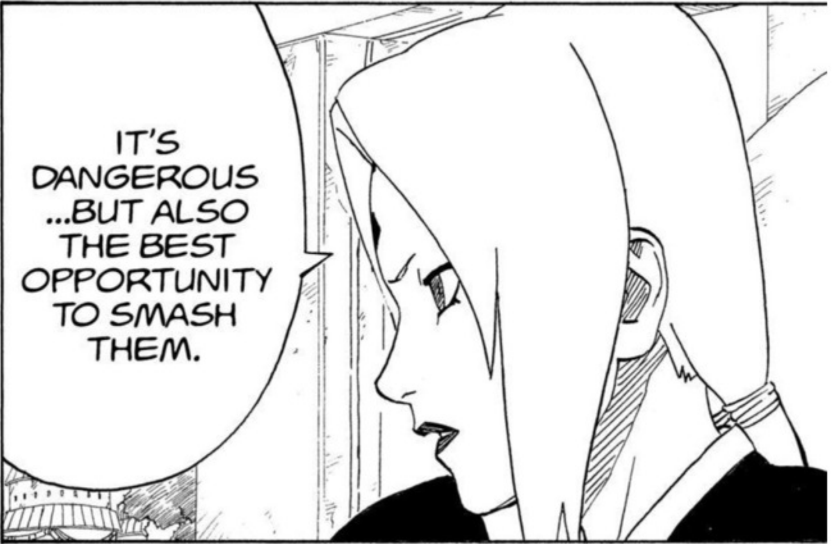

HI.




THANK YOU... FOR YOUR REPORT.
I'LL BE HEADING OUT, THEN.


FWSH

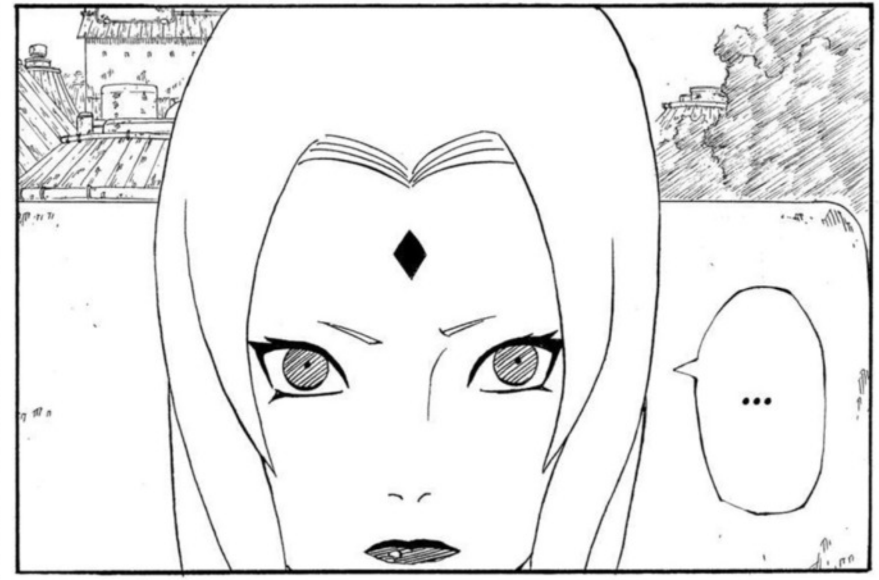

IT SEEMS THE AKATSUKI IS STARTING TO REALLY MAKE THEIR MOVE.
WHICH MEANS IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEIR NEXT FORAY INTO KONOHA TERRITORY.

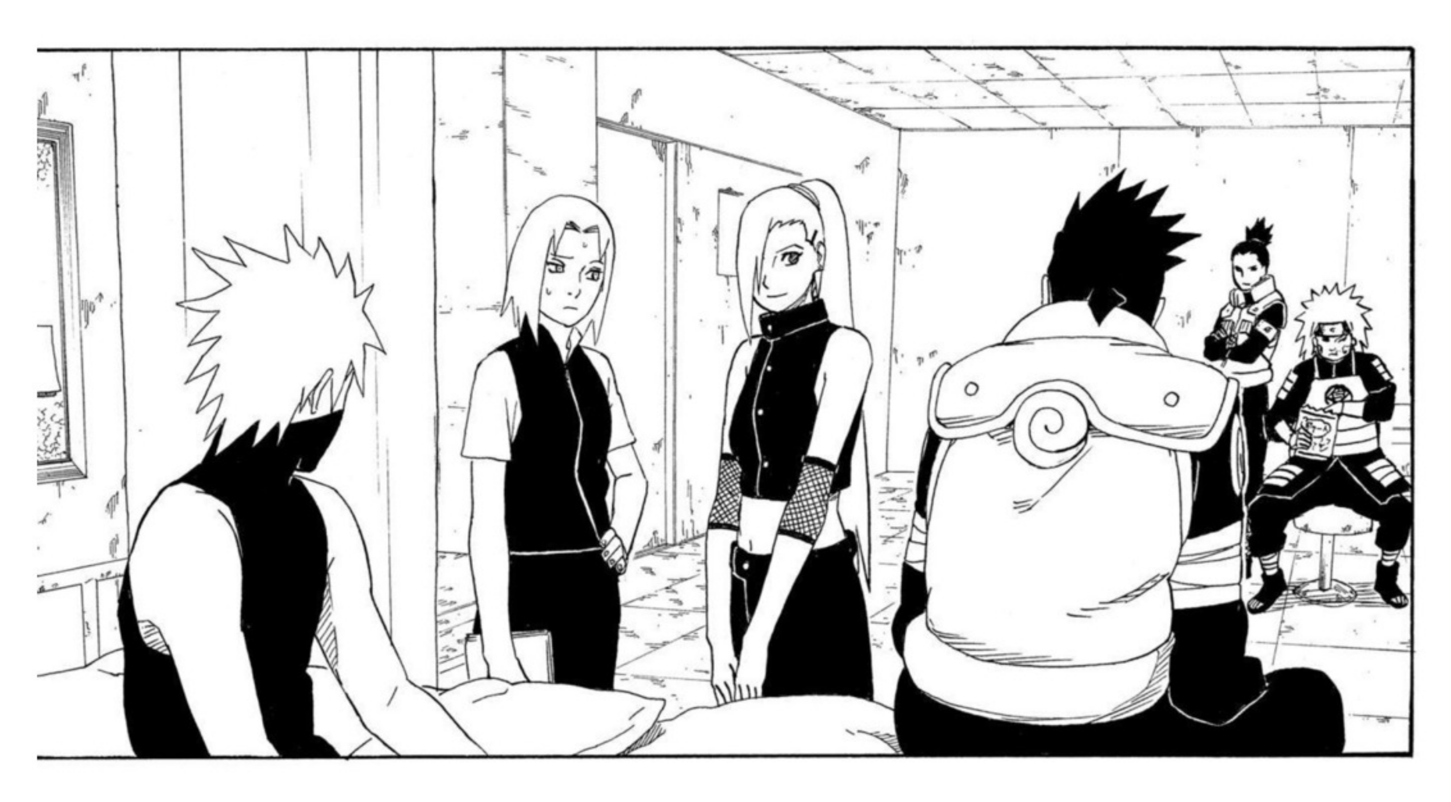

IT'S DANGEROUS ...BUT ALSO THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO SMASH THEM.


WE'VE GOT NO TIME LEFT TO LOSE.


READ THIS WAY


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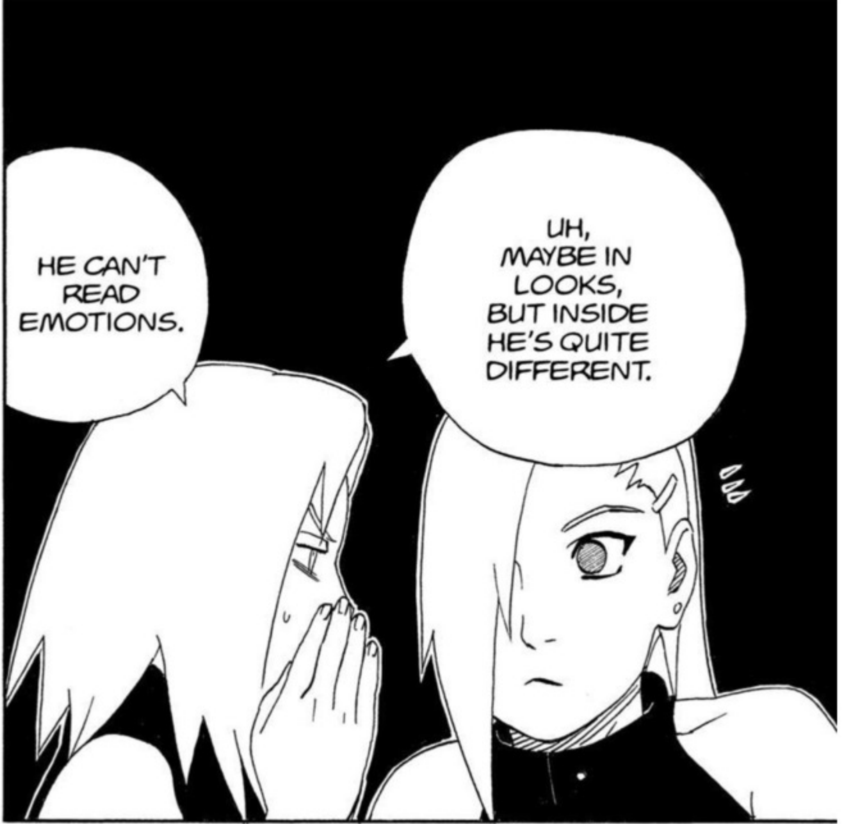

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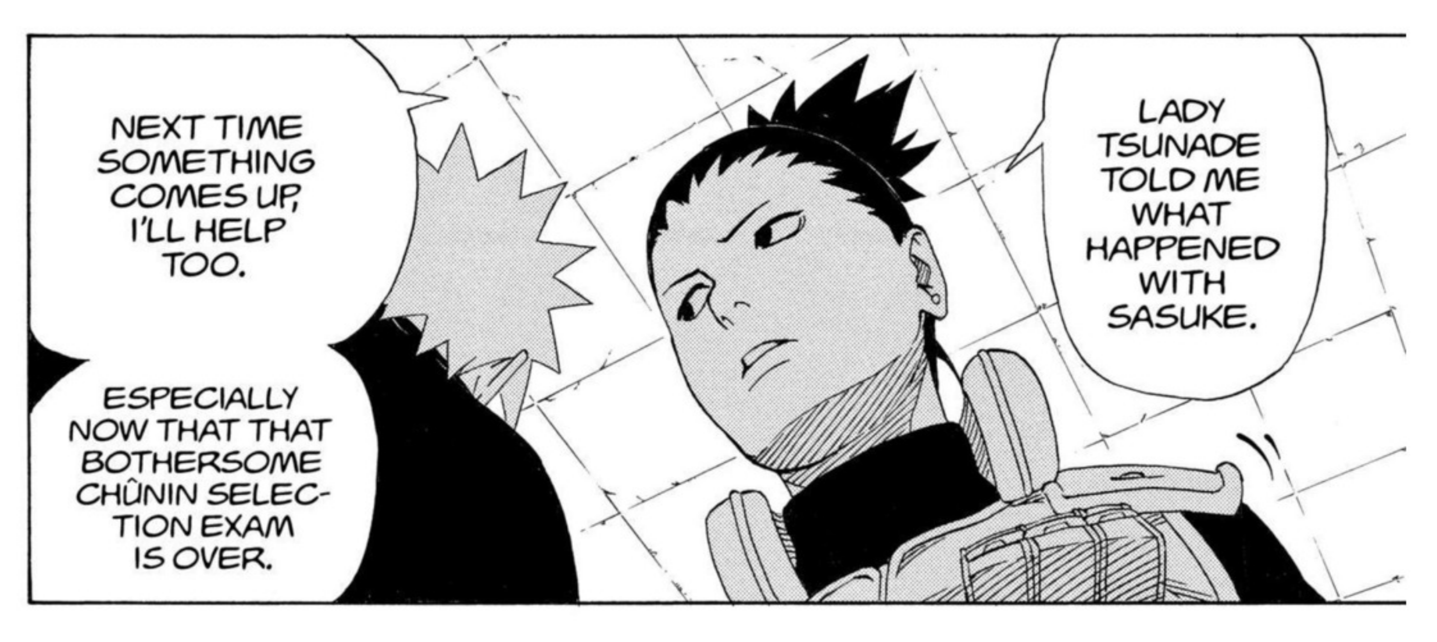

OHH, SO THAT'S WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT.


MY NAME IS SAI.
AND YOU MAY ADDRESS ME ACCORDINGLY.


HUH... HE'S PRETTY COOL AND CUTE...
...LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE SASUKE.


UH, MAYBE IN LOOKS, BUT INSIDE HE'S QUITE DIFFERENT.
HE CAN'T READ EMOTIONS.


SHUFF


LADY TSUNADE TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED WITH SASUKE.
NEXT TIME SOMETHING COMES UP, I'LL HELP TOO.
ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THAT BOTHERSOME CHÛNIN SELEC-TION EXAM IS OVER.


...


THANKS ...


...


READ THIS WAY


WHY DON'T YOU ALL GO ON AHEAD TO YAKINIKU Q, THE BBQ HOUSE.
TEAM KAKASHI, YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US.


WOO HOO! BARBE-QUE!
NICE!
I GET TO SIT NEXT TO SAI!


I'M BUYING. BUT IN THE MEAN-TIME...
...KAKASHI AND I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO DISCUSS.


...HEY, WAIT A SEC!!
MASTER KAKASHI, WHAT ABOUT THAT TRAINING YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT?!

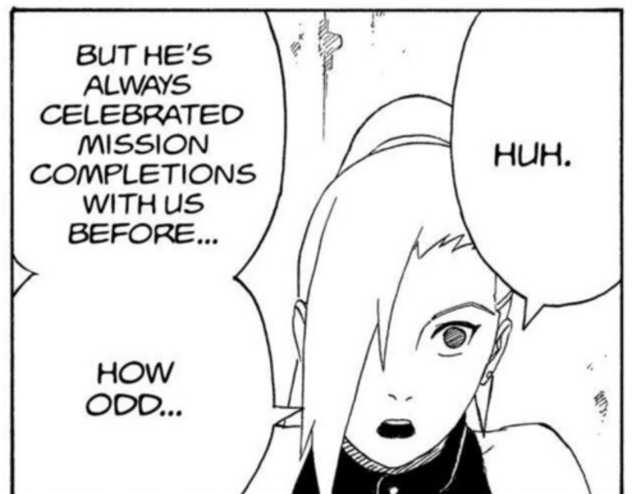

...RIGHT. HMM...
WELL! WE'LL GET BACK TO THAT LATER.


WHAT?!
AW, MAN! JUST WHEN I WAS GETTING ALL EXCITED!


焼肉Q
(YAKINIKU Q)


ZIZZLE
ZIZZLE
HEY! WHERE'S SHIKA-MARU?


HOME. HE'S GOTTA GO COLLECT MEDICINAL ANTLERS WITH HIS DAD OR SOME-THING.


HUH.
BUT HE'S ALWAYS CELEBRATED MISSION COMPLETIONS WITH US BEFORE...
HOW ODD...


FAP
WELL, SINCE HE'S NOT HERE... I GET SHIKA-MARU'S!

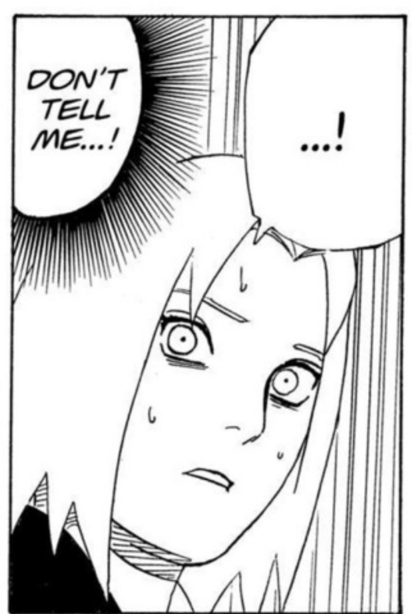

HEY, CHOJI! WE SHOULD INTRODUCE OURSELVES TO SAI BEFORE WE START EATING.
OH, RIGHT...


READ THIS WAY


... THANKS ...
FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE EVERYTHING, SO I'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH A NICKNAME OR PET NAME RIGHT AWAY...


ER, I'M AKIMICHI CHOJI OF THE AKIMICHI CLAN.
NICE TO MEET YOU, UH, SAI.


NICE TO MEET YOU TOO... UH...
PERSON-ALITY TRAIT... TRAIT...


...!
DON'T TELL ME...!


...!
HE'S GOING TO SAY THE FOR-BIDDEN WORD!

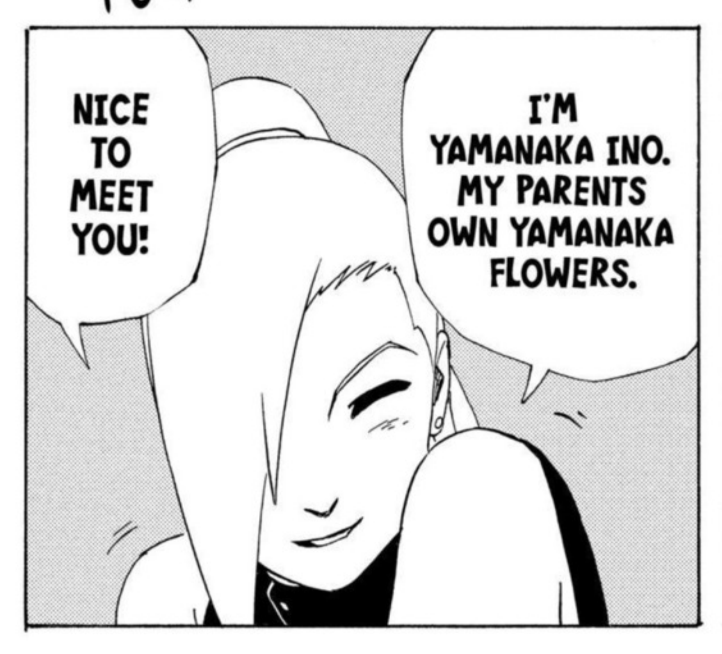

... CHUB–


GRRR


!
WHUP


HEY, SAI! DON'T EVER SAY CHUBBY TO CHOJI!
GET IT?!
?
FOOF

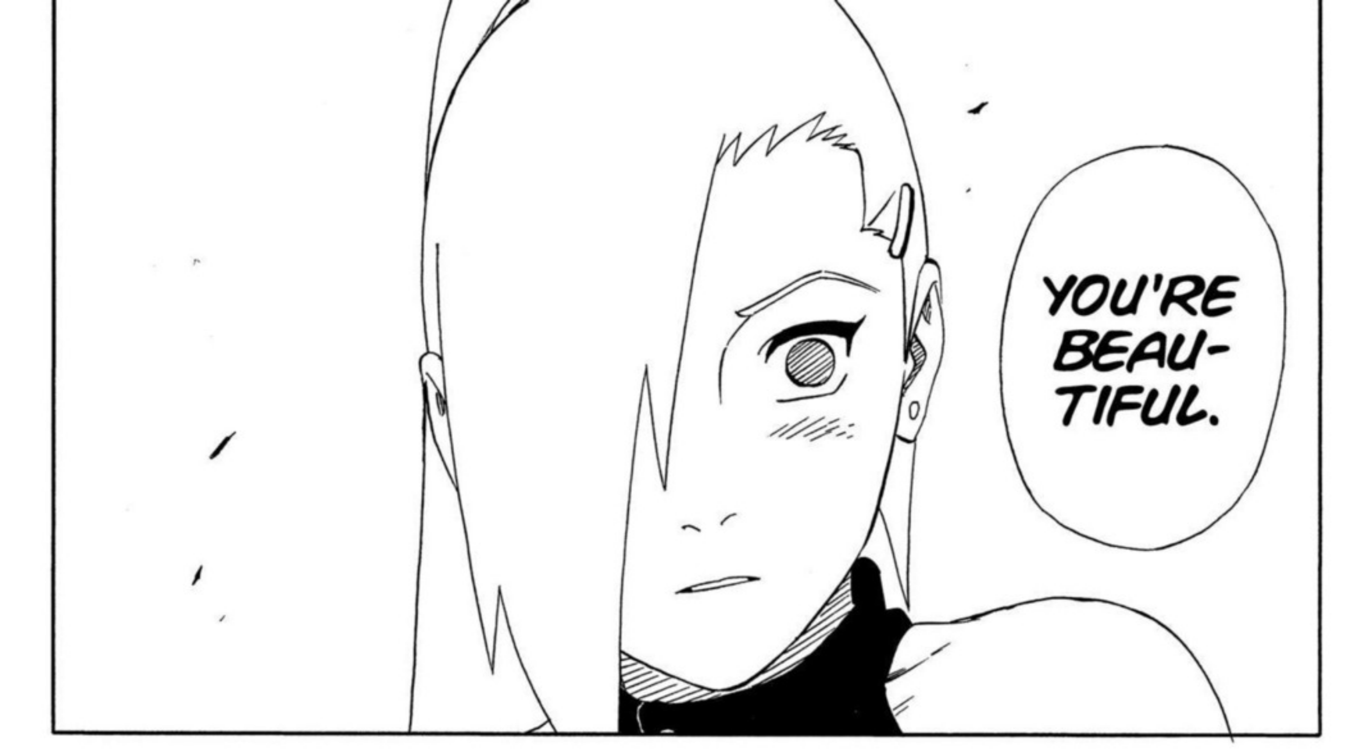

...WERE YOU ABOUT TO SAY SOME-THING?
A-HA HA... NO, NO...
NICK-NAMES ARE HARD...


I'M YAMANAKA INO. MY PARENTS OWN YAMANAKA FLOWERS.
NICE TO MEET YOU!


IN THE CASE OF WOMEN, IF YOU STATE THEIR PER-SONALITY TRAITS TOO BLUNTLY, YOU WILL ANGER THEM...
...WHICH MEANS I SHOULD SAY SOME-THING OPPOSITE...



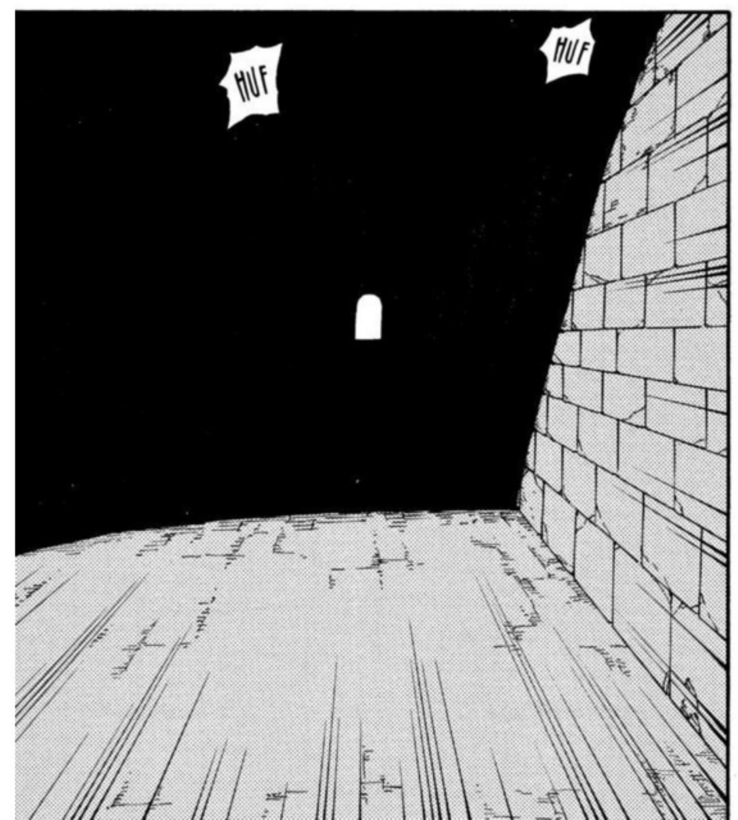

NICE TO MEET YOU... UM...


YOU'RE BEAU-TIFUL.




SHUDDER
!


BEAU-TIFUL !!!
YOU CALL HER BEAU-TIFUL ???
AGH!


HUF
HUF

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HUF

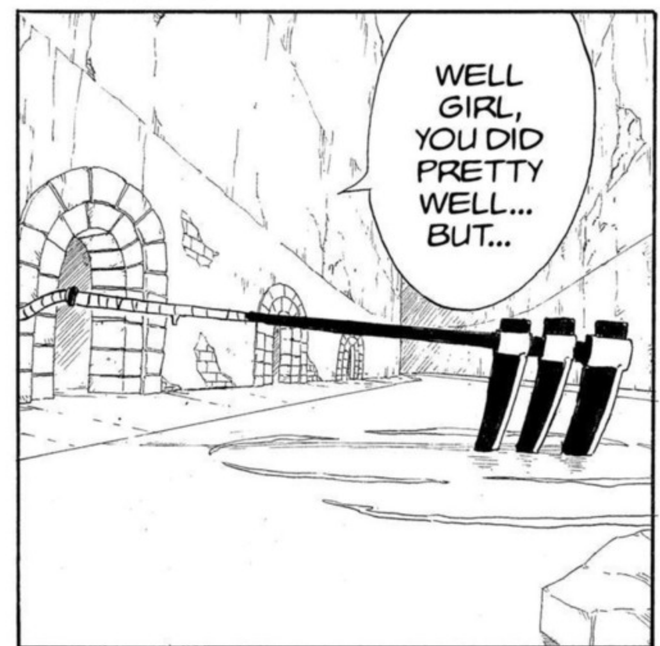
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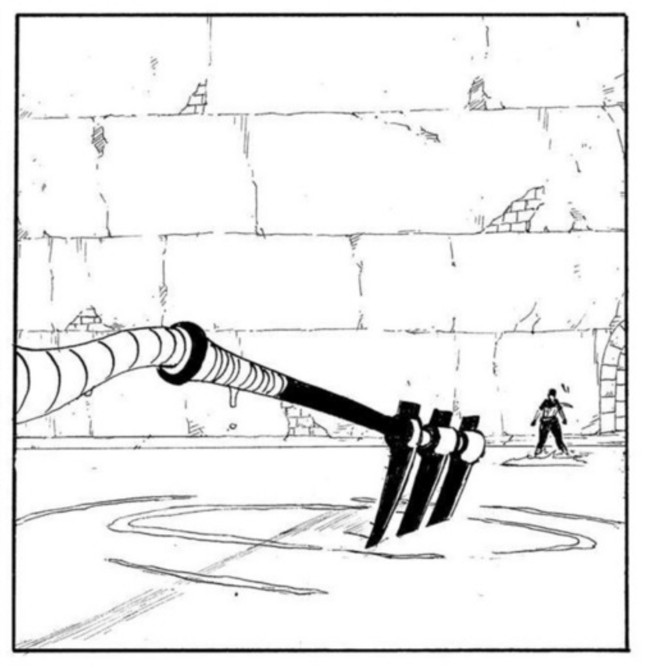
SPLASH

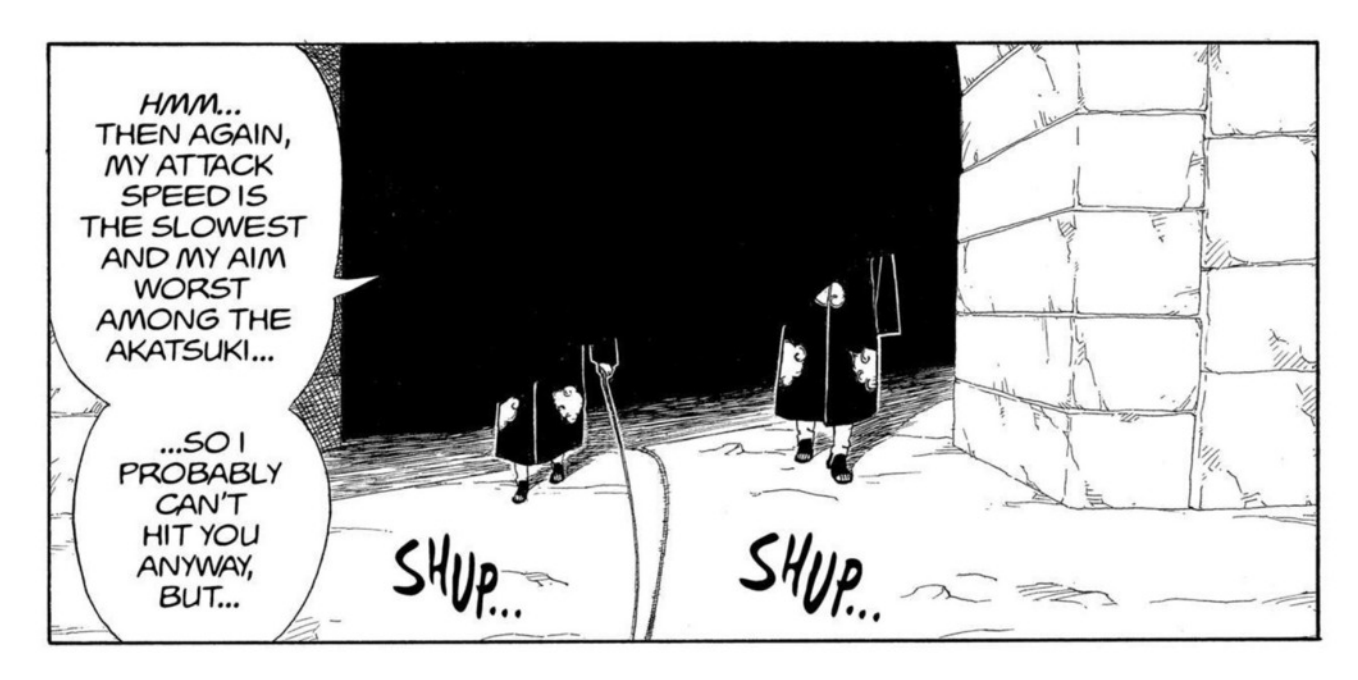
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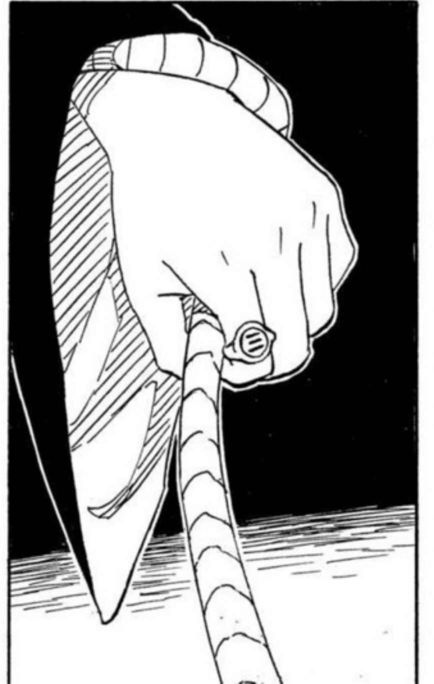

WELL GIRL, YOU DID PRETTY WELL... BUT...




HMM... THEN AGAIN, MY ATTACK SPEED IS THE SLOWEST AND MY AIM WORST AMONG THE AKATSUKI...
...SO I PROBABLY CAN'T HIT YOU ANYWAY, BUT...
SHUP...
SHUP...


SHE'S ALL YOURS.


JUST AS I SUS-PECTED ...YOU ARE FROM THE AKATSUKI ...



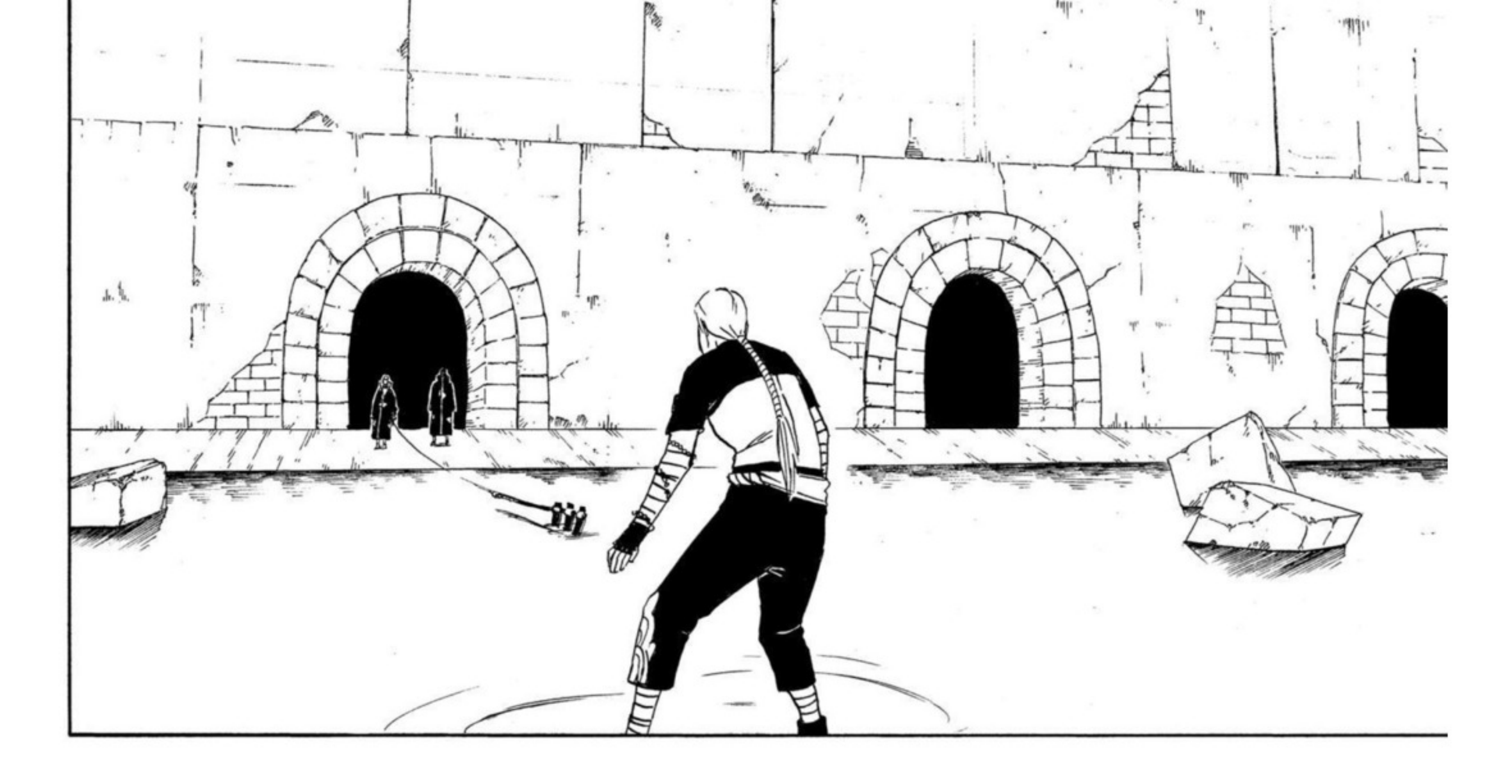
ME? YOU'RE USUALLY THE DOER.



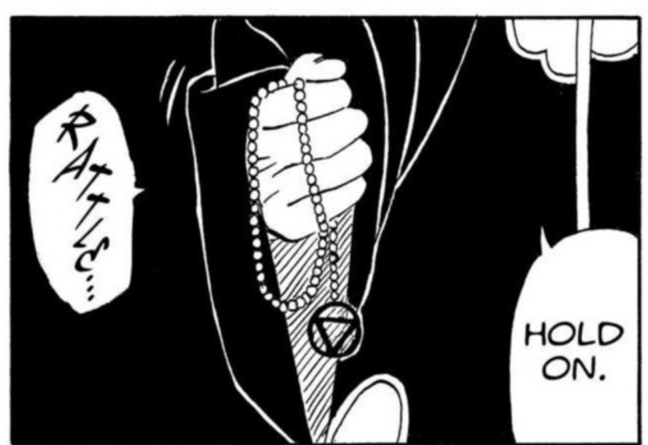



NARUTO


Number 313: The New-Two!!




LET'S DO IT.

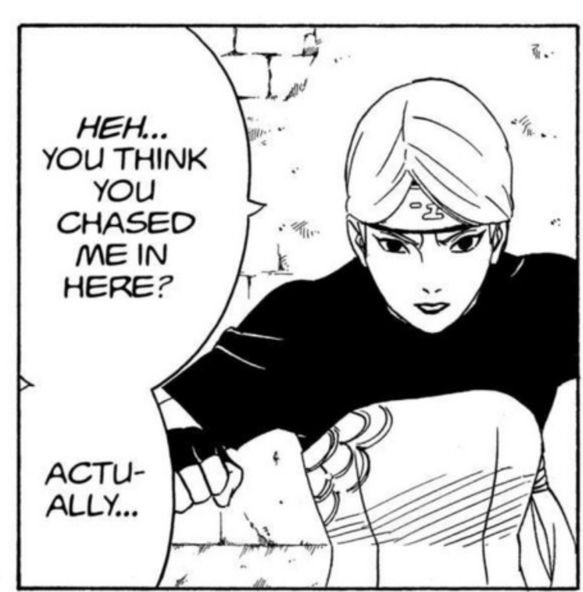

HOLD ON.
RATTLE...


BEFORE I DO ANY-THING...
...I MUST CONFER WITH MY KAMI.


...


YOU AND YOUR DEITY. ALWAYS SUCH A BOTHER.


...
IT'S BOTHER-SOME TO ME TOO, BUT...
...THE COM-MAND-MENTS ARE STRICT, SO I HAVE NO CHOICE!


HEH... YOU THINK YOU CHASED ME IN HERE?
ACTU-ALLY...


FWP
I LURED YOU HERE!


SSSSS


BOOOM

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM
CLATTER...
...
...

...
NOW THAT I KNOW YOU ARE AKATSUKI ...
...I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY.

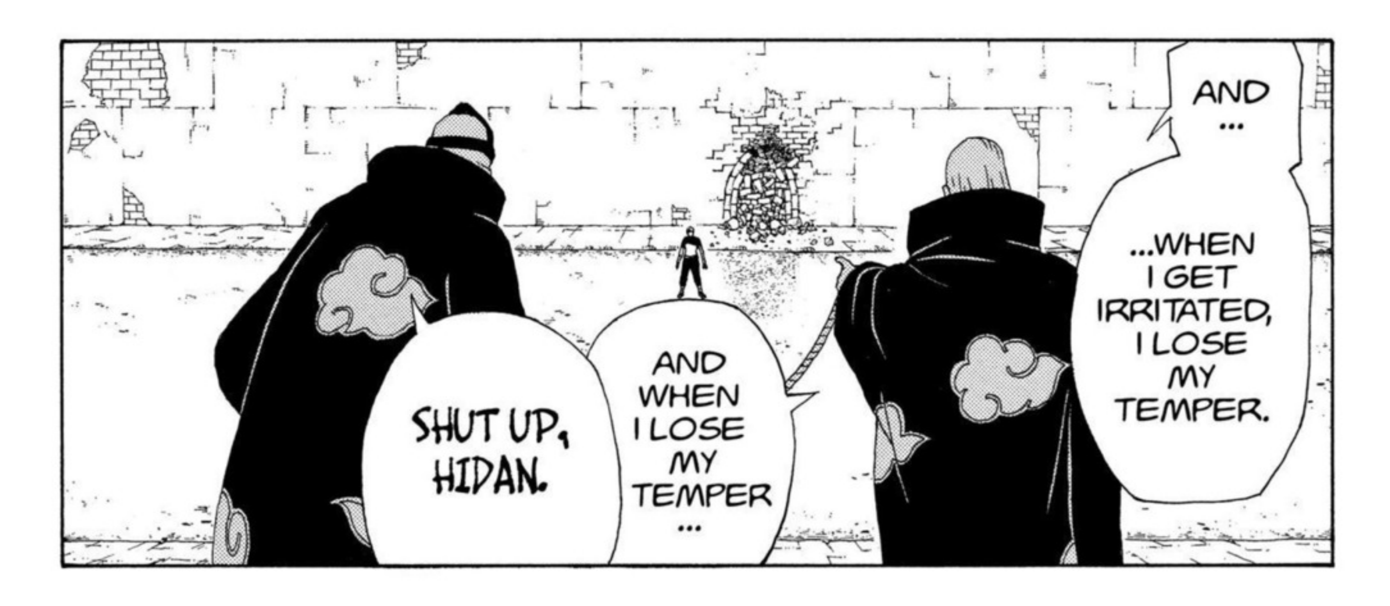





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UPON MY NAME, NI'I YUGITO OF KUMO-GAKURE...
...I SWEAR I WILL KILL YOU!!


WELL, NOW...
...YOU SWEAR TO KILL ME, EH? IS THAT IT?
YOU KNOW, WHEN PEOPLE SAY SUCH THINGS TO ME...
...I GET IRRITATED.


AND ...
...WHEN I GET IRRITATED, I LOSE MY TEMPER.
AND WHEN I LOSE MY TEMPER ...
SHUT UP, HIDAN.


YES, YES.
BUT YOU KNOW, WHEN I LOSE MY TEMPER, I START THINKING, WHO CARES ABOUT THE MISSION, IT'S TIME TO ATTACK.


ENOUGH, HIDAN.
THE MISSION IS ABSOLUTE.

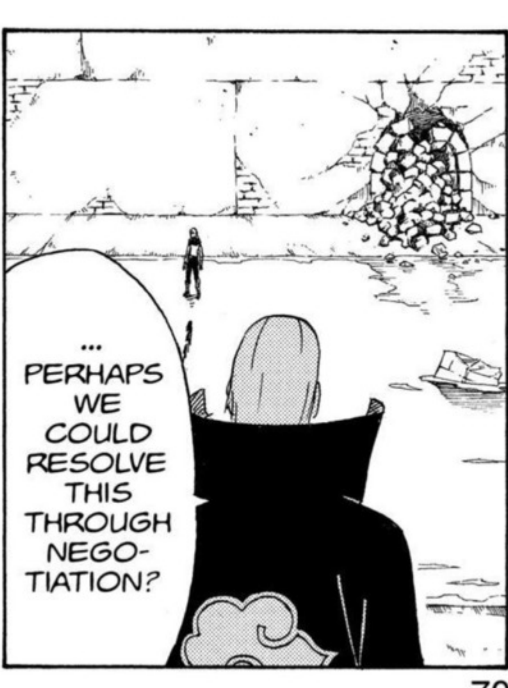
TOTAL SLAUGHTER IS THE MOTTO OF THE CHURCH OF JASHIN.
THERE'S EVEN AN ACTUAL COMMANDMENT THAT PROHIBITS HALF-KILLING.
BUT THESE ASSIGNMENTS JUST DON'T FIT WITH MY BELIEF SYSTEM.



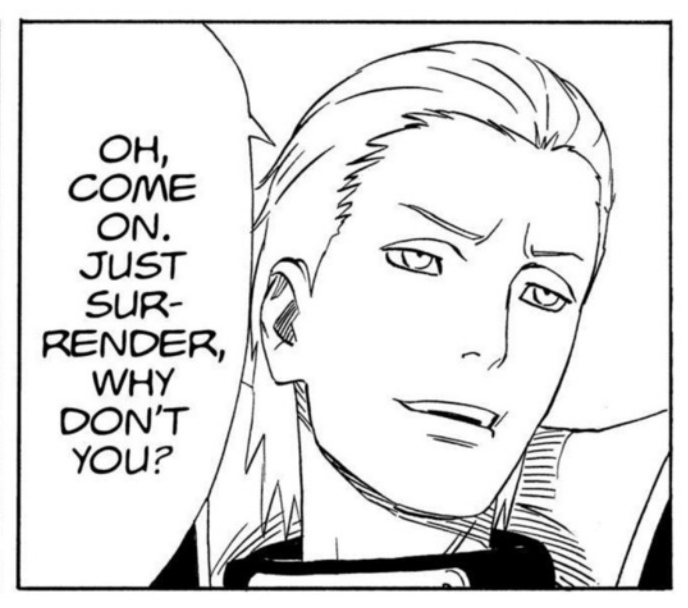


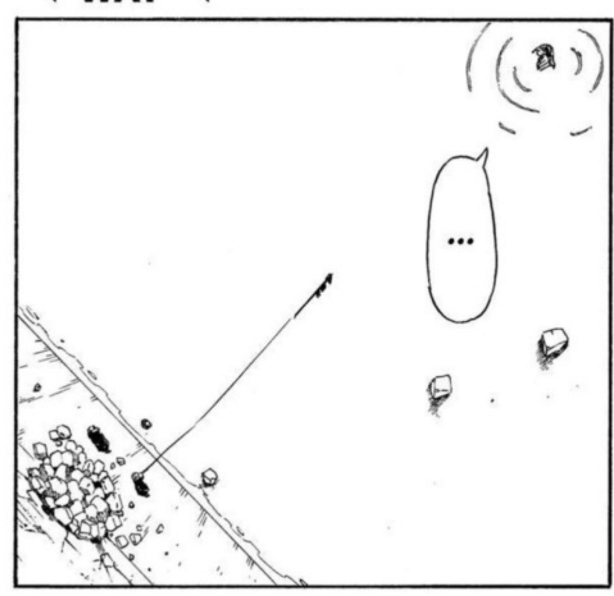












YOU MUST BE JOKING!!

VWOOOSH

I'LL TAKE THAT AS A *NO*, THEN...

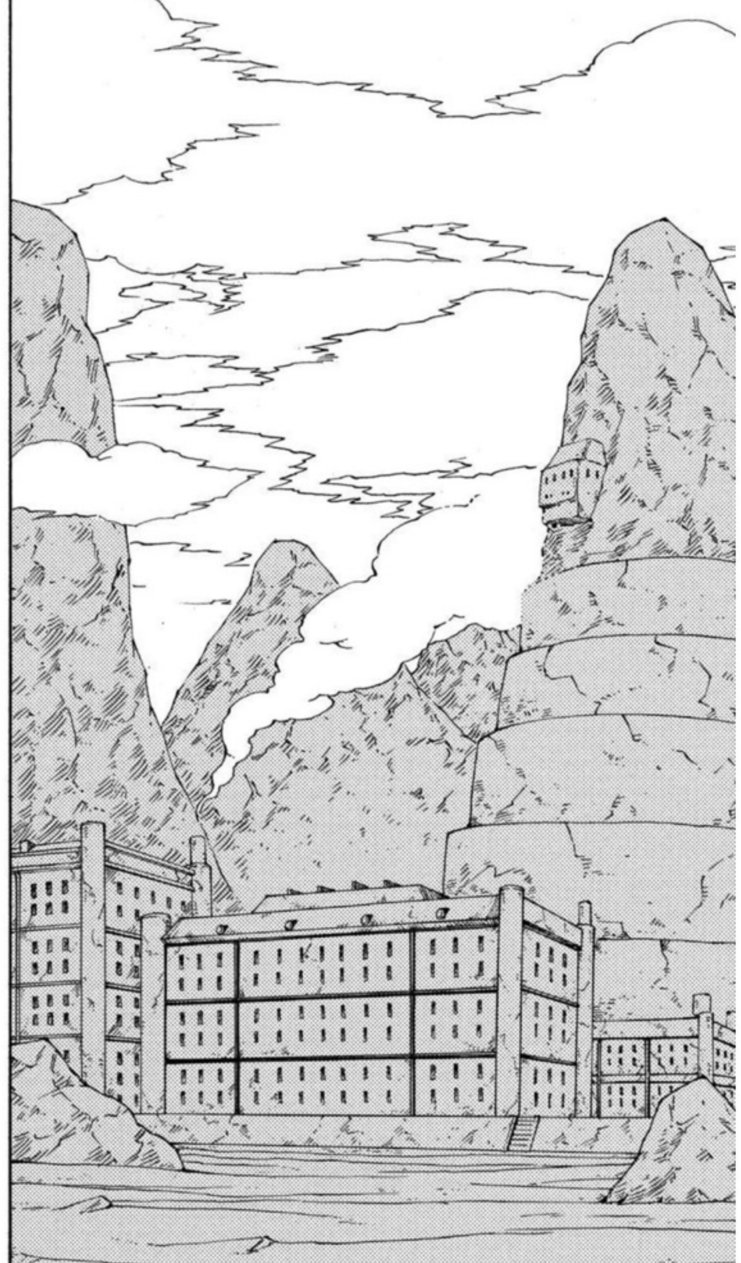
ARE YOU AN IDIOT, HIDAN?

VWOOOO


VWOOOOOOOOO


FAP
WHAT THE...? THIS JINCHŪ-RIKI HOST...
...SHE'S COMPLETELY TURNED HERSELF OVER TO HER TAILED BEAST SPIRIT!
GLOM


SLAM
OH NO!
FWOOOOO
AGH!
BLAAAZE
TAK





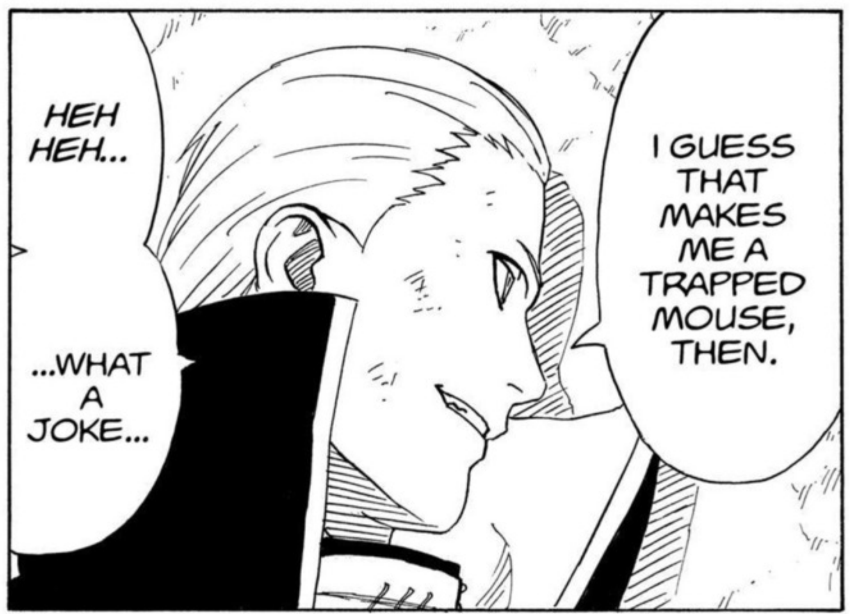
OUCH, HOT!

I THOUGHT CAT TONGUES COULDN'T TOLERATE HEAT.

KRAAAAASH

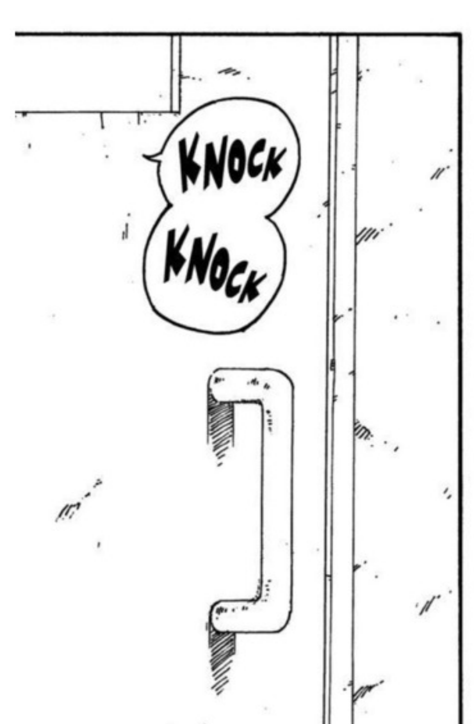

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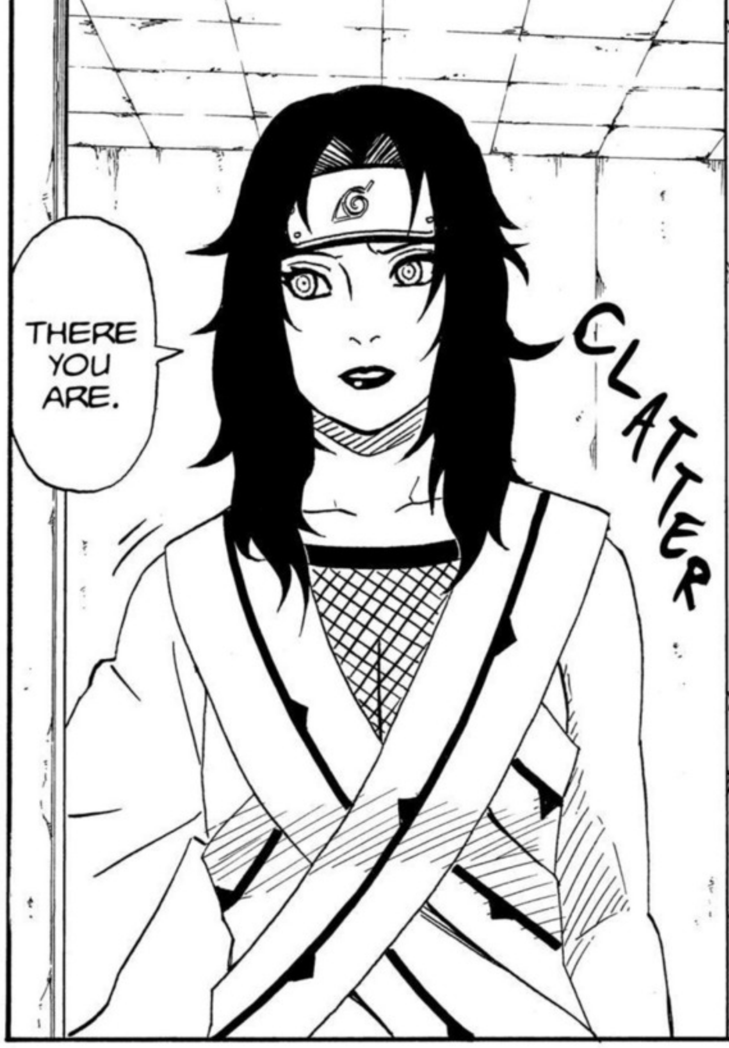

SO THIS IS THE TWO-TAILED CAT DEMON THAT'S BEEN CALLED A WRAITH...


I GUESS THAT MAKES ME A TRAPPED MOUSE, THEN.
HEH HEH...
...WHAT A JOKE...

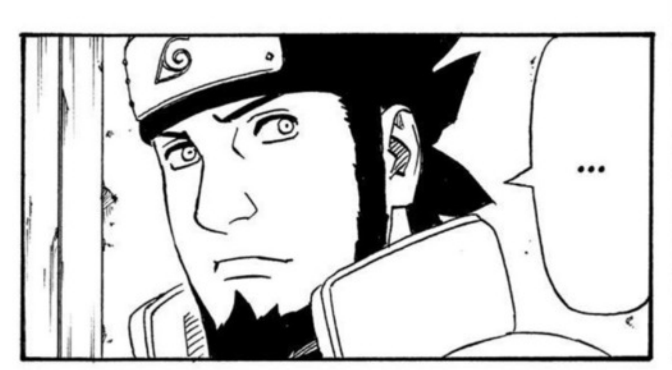

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SO WHAT DID YOU WANT TO DIS-CUSS?
ACTUALLY ...

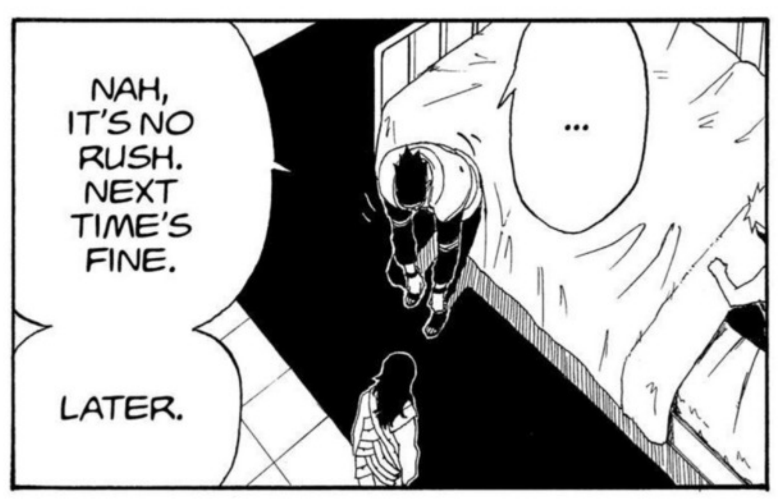

KNOCK
KNOCK


THERE YOU ARE.
CLATTER


OH, KURENAI ...
WHAT'S UP?
I HEARD ASUMA WAS HERE.


...

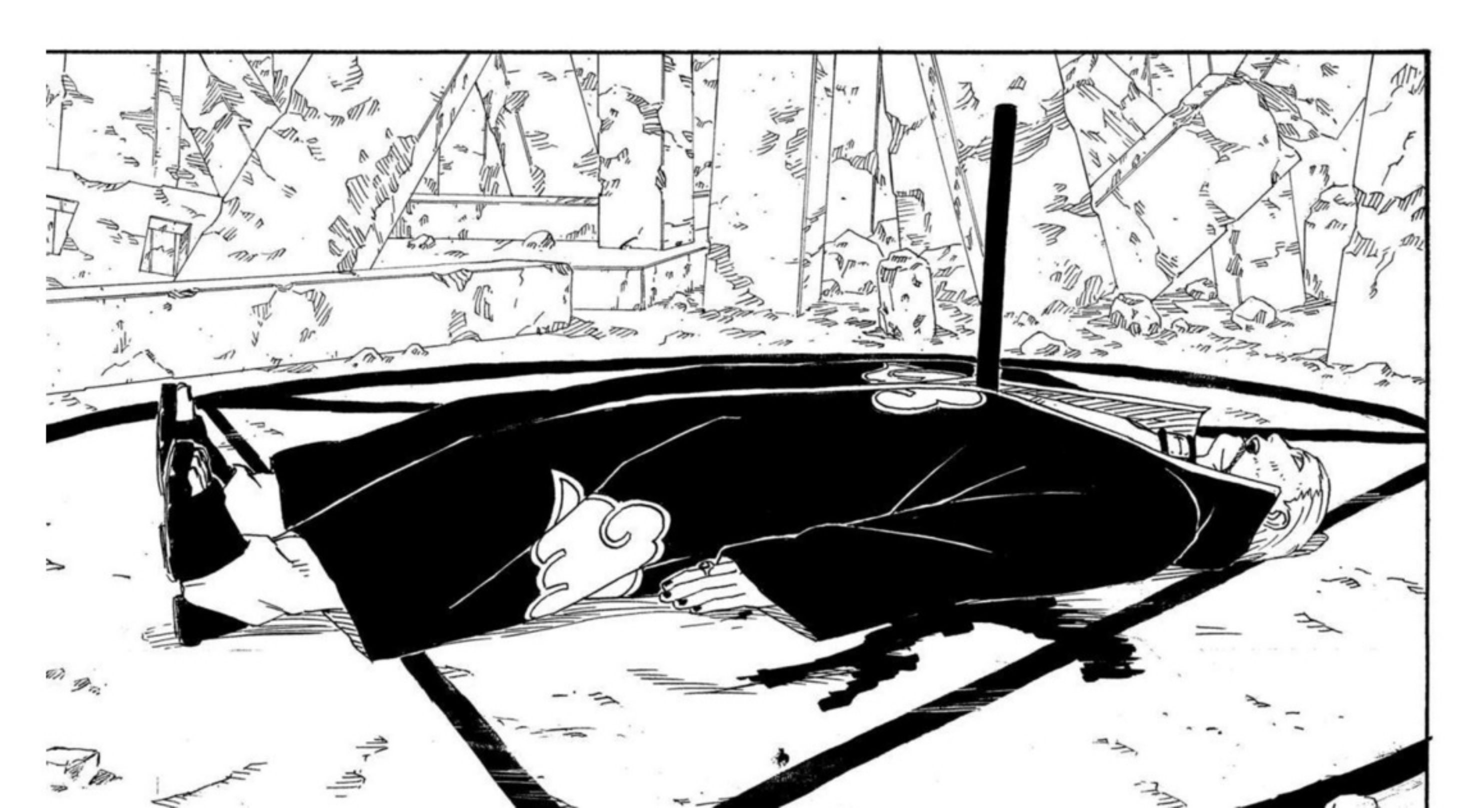

I SEE...
SO WHERE WERE WE, ASUMA?


...
NAH, IT'S NO RUSH. NEXT TIME'S FINE.
LATER.

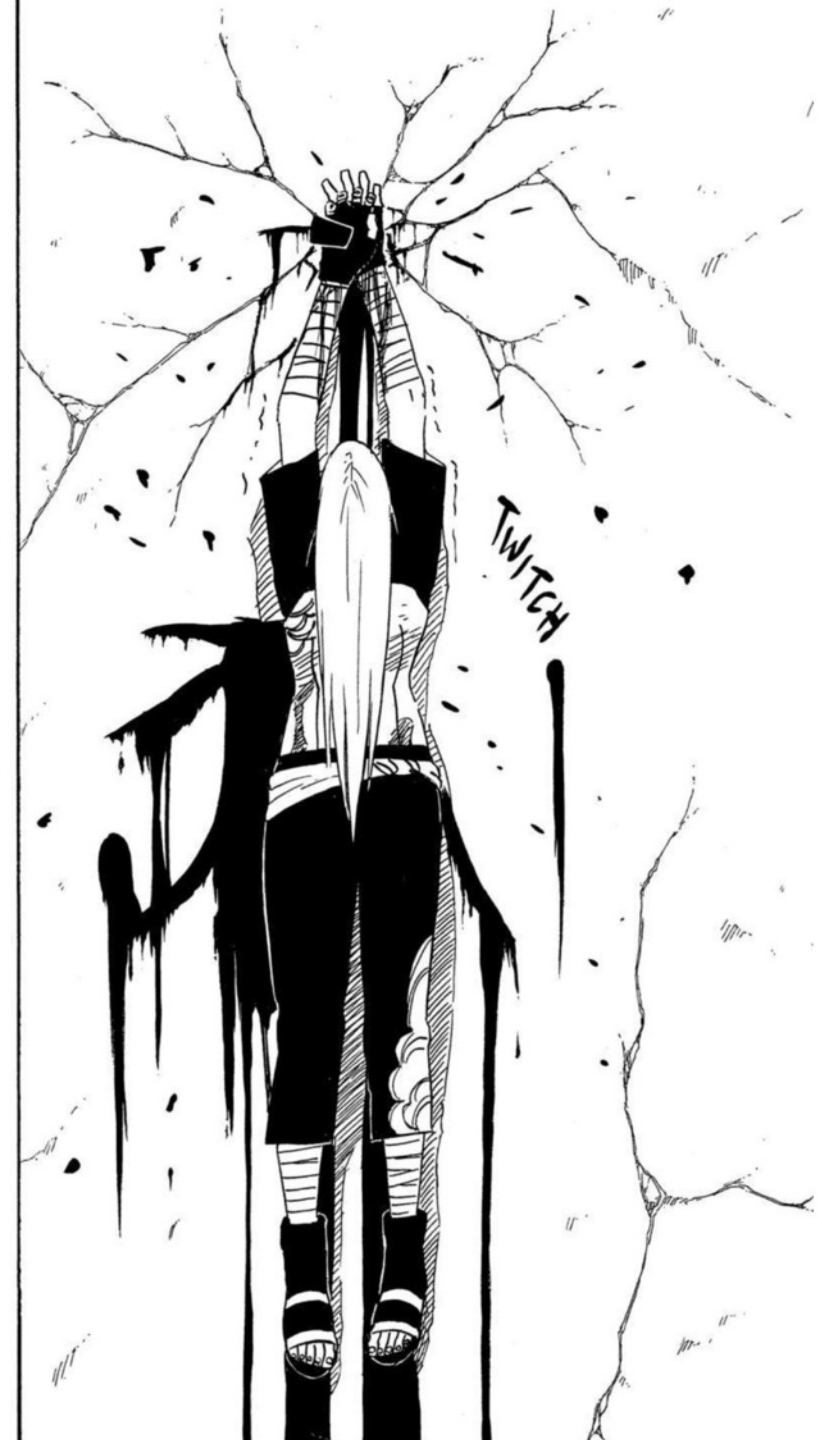

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SHUP


NOW IT'S REALLY GOING TO BOTHER ME...

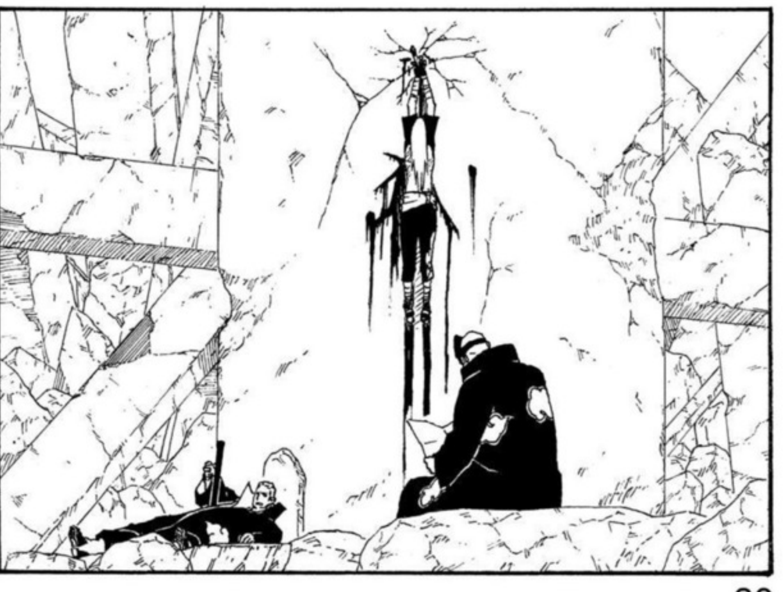



IT'S BEEN 30 MINUTES ...ARE YOU DONE YET, HIDAN?


TWITCH

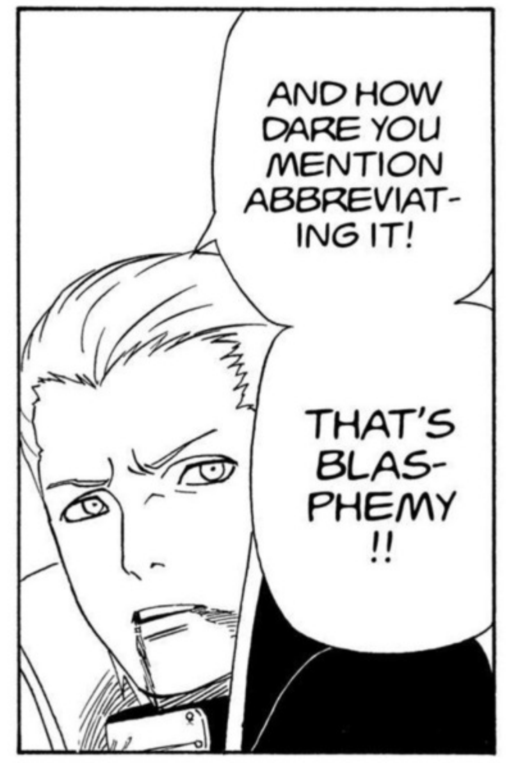

GRRR
SHUT UP!
DON'T INTER-RUPT THE RITUAL !!



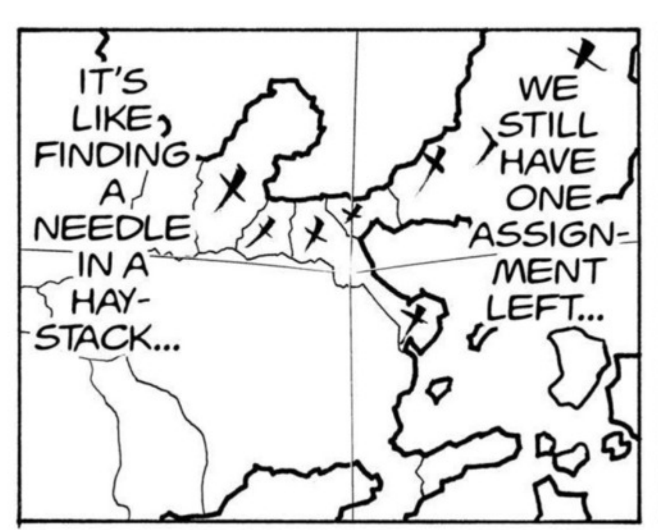

THWUP
OWW ...

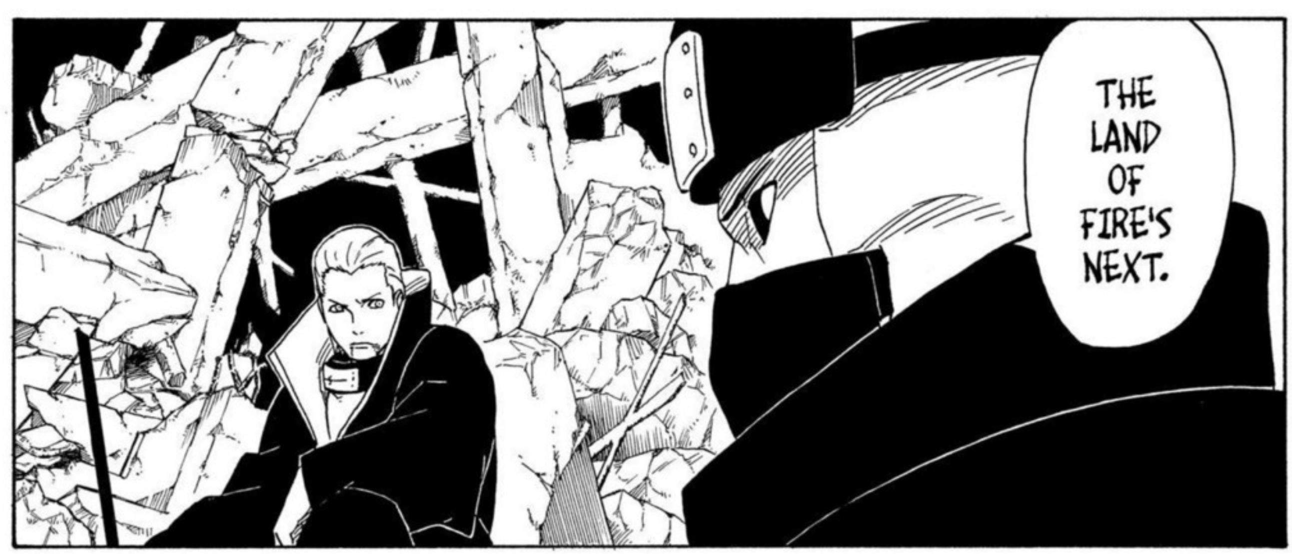

READ THIS WAY


YOU PERFORM THAT VULGAR PRAYER EACH AND EVERY TIME.
CAN'T YOU ABBREVIATE IT AT ALL?
LET'S GET GOING ALREADY.
I FIND IT TEDIOUS, BUT A COMMANDMENT IS A COMMANDMENT. IT MUST BE OBEYED.

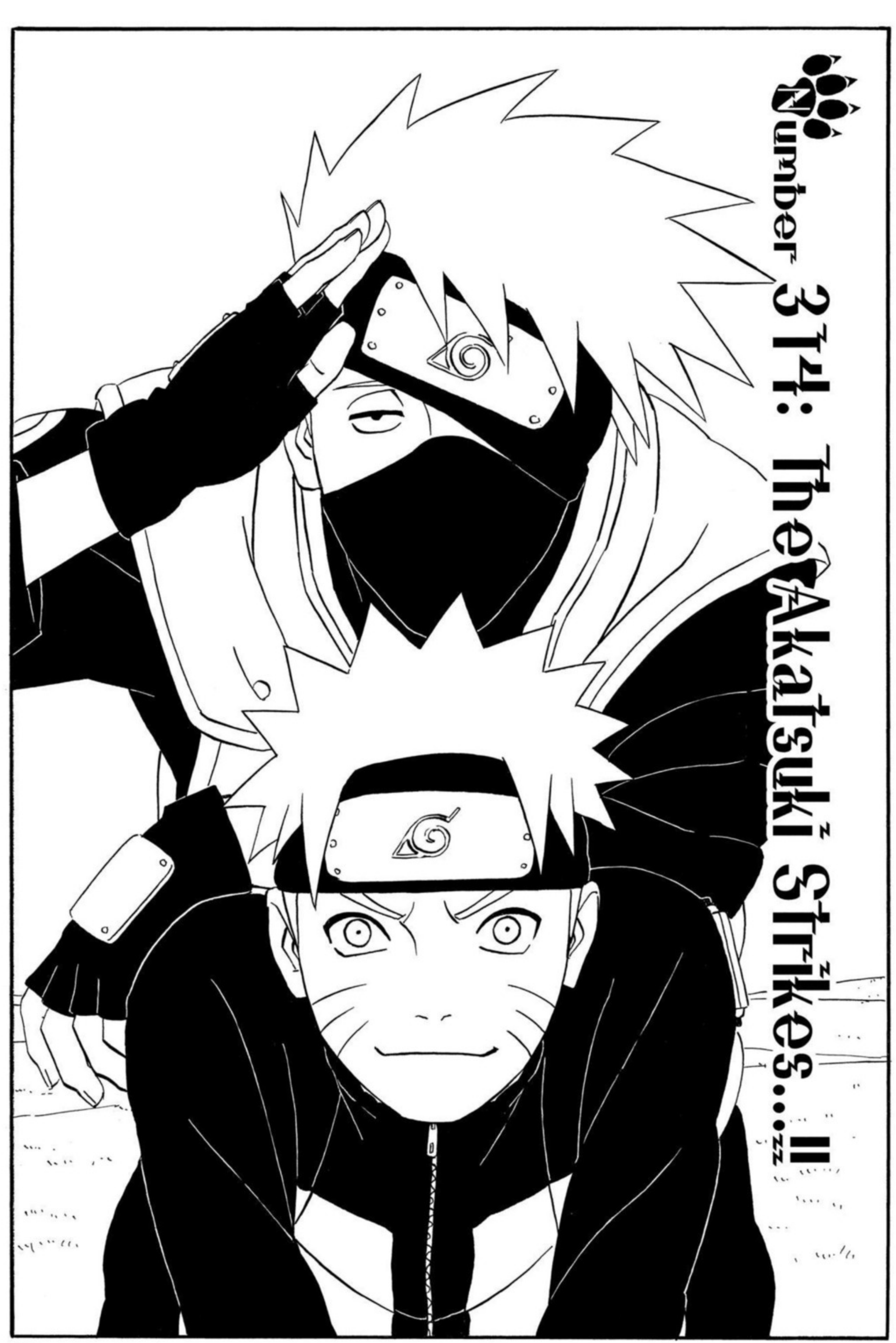

AND HOW DARE YOU MENTION ABBREVIATING IT!
THAT'S BLASPHEMY !!


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WE STILL HAVE ONE ASSIGNMENT LEFT...
IT'S LIKE, FINDING A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK...

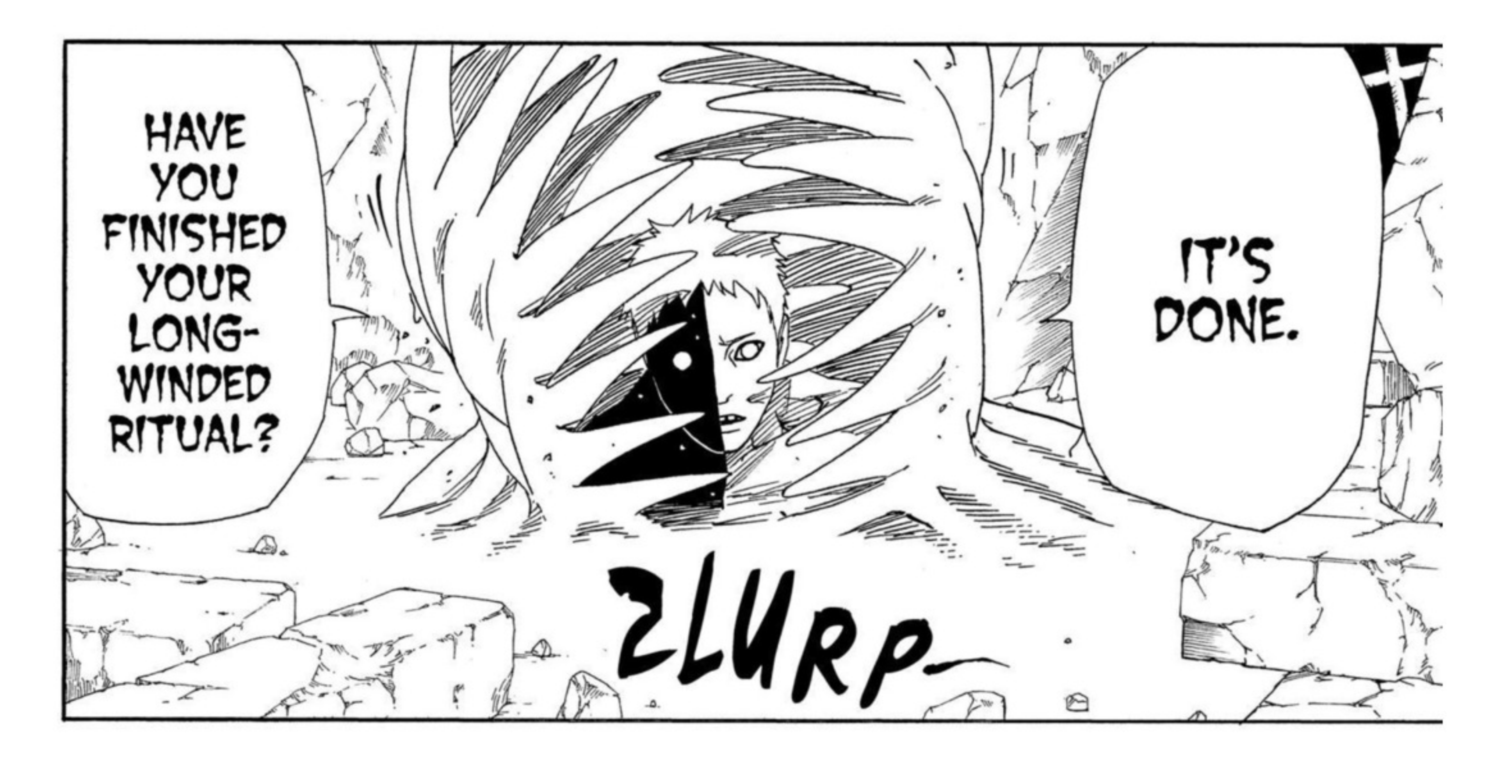

THE LAND OF FIRE'S NEXT.


NARUTO


Number 314: The Akatsuki Strikes...!!


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HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR LONG-WINDED RITUAL?
IT'S DONE.
ZLURP


YOU AS WELL?
IGNORANT HEATHENS, THE LOT OF YOU.


SORROW BEGETS SOLI-TUDE.
THE ONLY THING YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN IS YOUR-SELF.


READ THIS WAY


WRONG.
THE ONLY THING YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN IS MONEY.

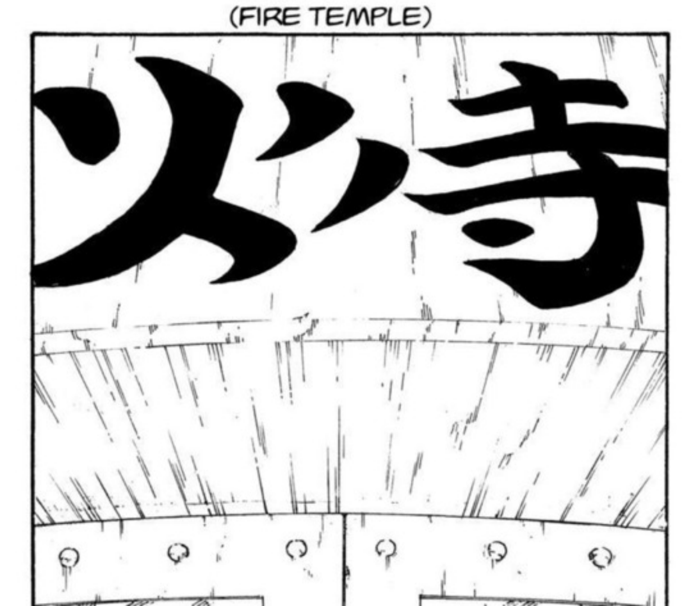

AND THERE YOU GO AGAIN!
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR SIDE JOB THAT OUR SEARCH FOR JINCHÛRIKI HOSTS HAS BEEN DELAYED.
BESIDES WHICH...


LOOK, I ONLY TEAMED UP WITH YOU BECAUSE YOU SAID RELIGION IS PROFIT-ABLE.
IF ANYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN, IT'S ME, THE AKATSUKI'S PURSE-HOLDER.


MONEY IS IMPOR-TANT...
ENOUGH. YOU TWO, HEAD OUT TO YOUR NEXT HUNT RIGHT AWAY.
LEAVE THE TWO TAILS TO ME...



(FIRE TEMPLE)


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A TEMPLE? YOU SURE THIS IS THE PLACE?

WE'LL SEE.

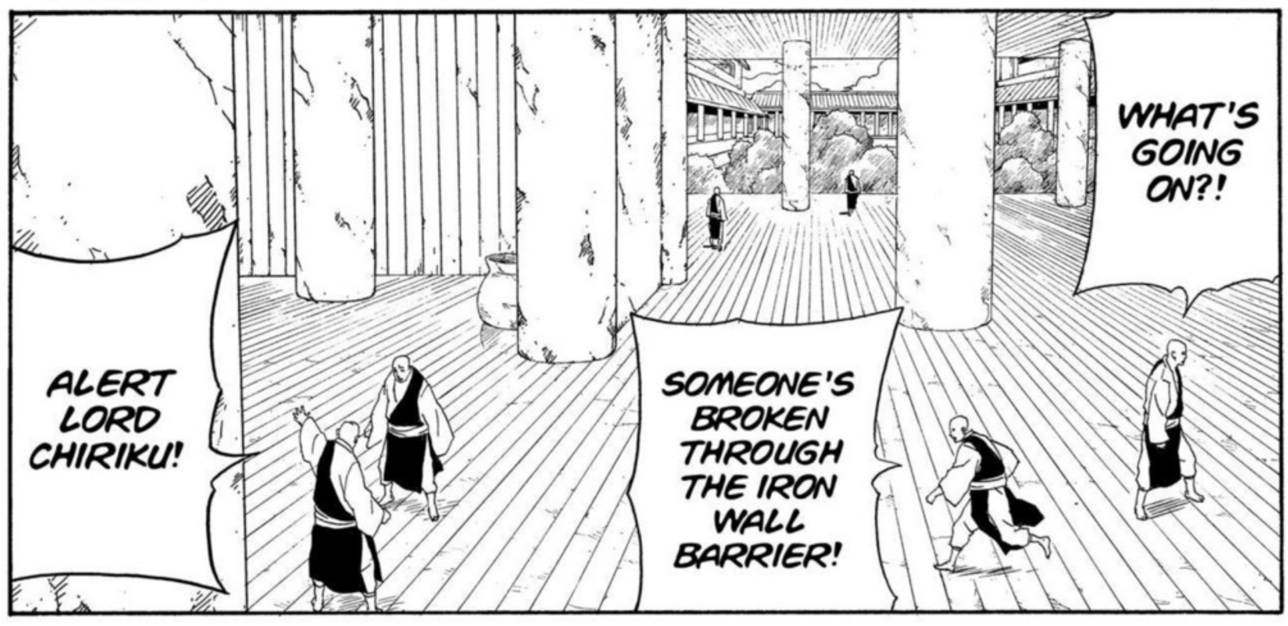
THIS IS NO **ORDINARY** TEMPLE...

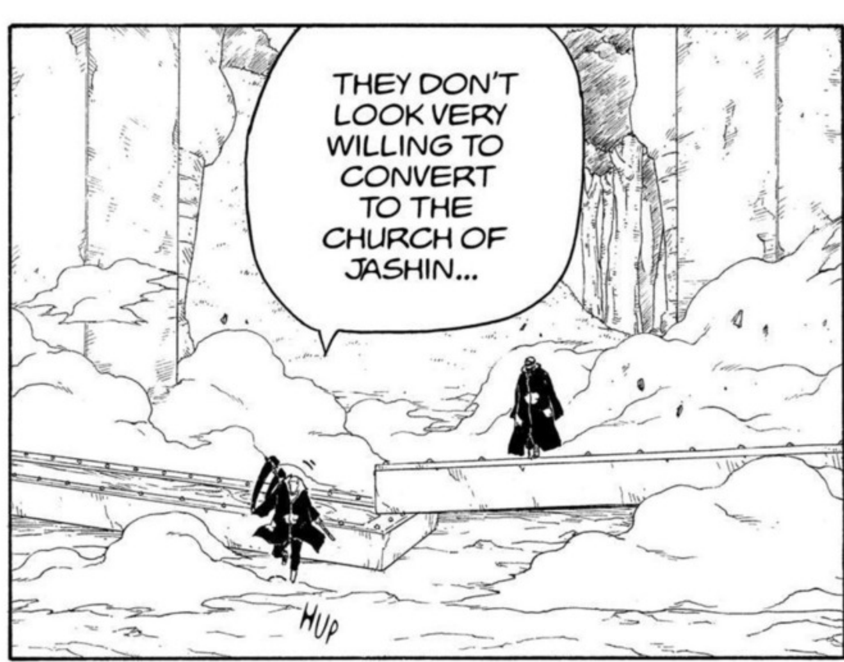
...SO THE ODDS ARE GOOD.

FWSSH...

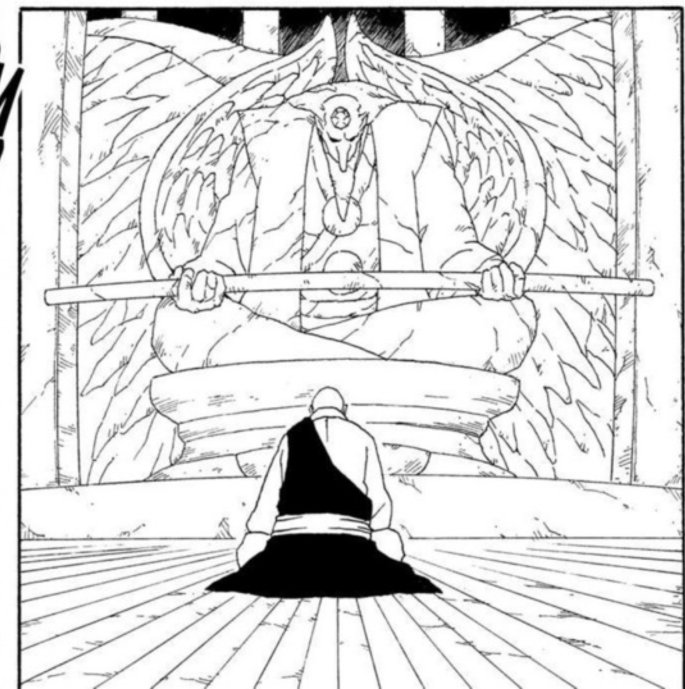
SMASH


READ THIS WAY


WHAT'S GOING ON?!
SOMEONE'S BROKEN THROUGH THE IRON WALL BARRIER!
ALERT LORD CHIRIKU!


THEY DON'T LOOK VERY WILLING TO CONVERT TO THE CHURCH OF JASHIN...
HUP


THOSE ROBES... THEY LOOK LIKE...
THERE'S NO MISTAKE. THEY'RE FROM THE AKATSUKI!




STOMP STOMP
!


INTRUD-ERS!
WHO ARE THEY?
SHFF

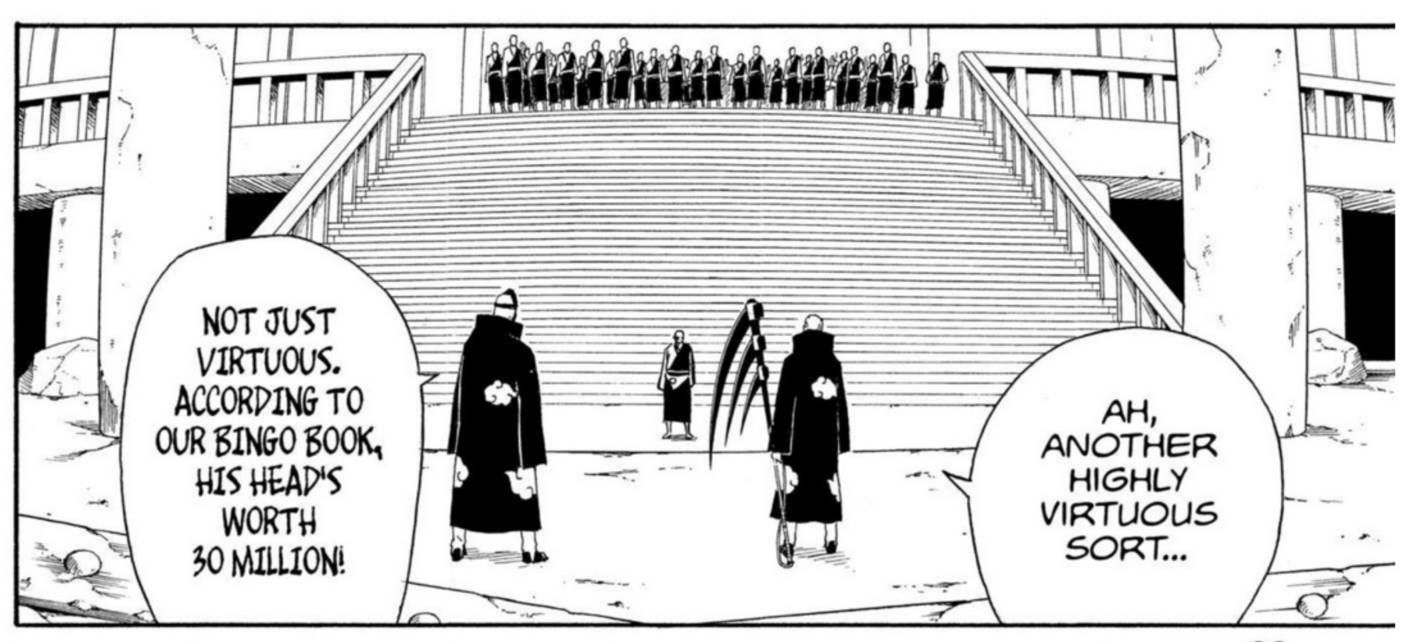

MEMBERS OF THE AKATSUKI!


I'LL GO.
TELL THE OTHERS TO COVER ME.


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I KNEW THEY WOULD COME CALLING SOME-DAY, BUT...


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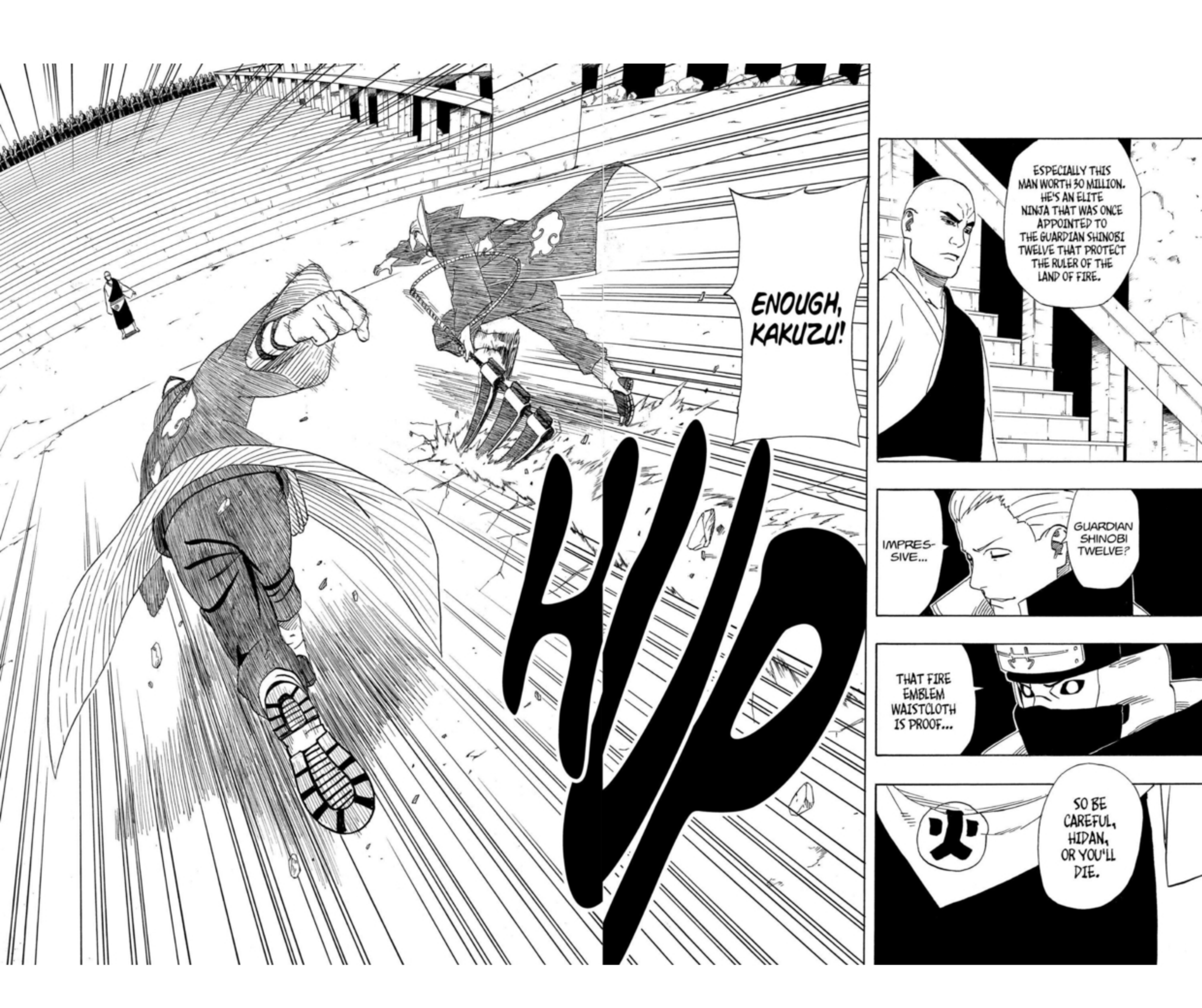

AH, ANOTHER HIGHLY VIRTUOUS SORT...
NOT JUST VIRTUOUS. ACCORDING TO OUR BINGO BOOK, HIS HEAD'S WORTH 30 MILLION!


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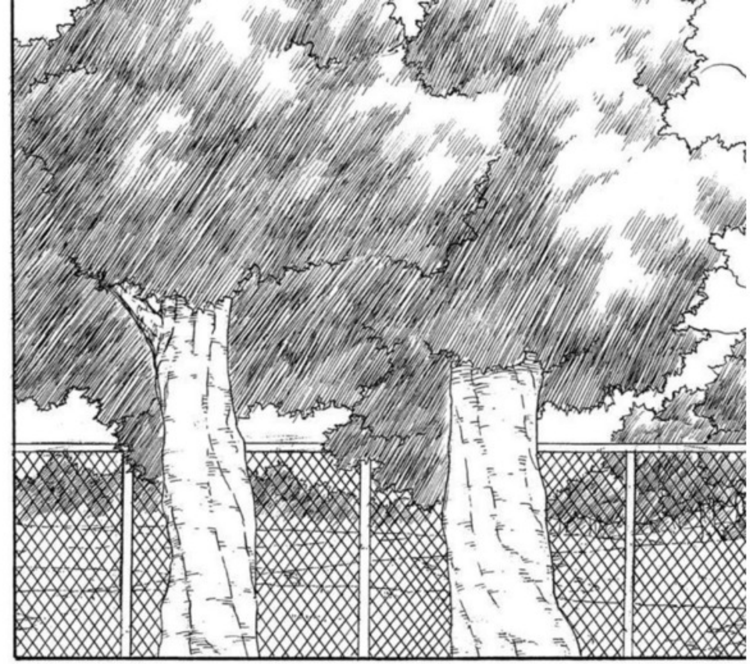

HEY... WE ARE NOT HERE TO COLLECT A BOUNTY!
KILLING A MONK FOR WORLDLY GAIN IS A TICKET STRAIGHT TO DAM-NATION!


AND THEY SAY MONEY TALKS...
...NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT BUSINESS BRINGS YOU HERE...
...BUT TURN AROUND AND GO HOME!
NOT GOING TO KILL US WITHOUT A CAUSE, EH?
THAT'S NOT ONE OF MY BELIEFS, THOUGH.
THIS FIRE TEMPLE IS A FAMED SHINOBI TEMPLE LOCATED IN THE LAND OF FIRE.
IT'S SAID THAT ALL THE MONKS WIELD A SPECIAL POWER KNOWN AS THE **GIFT OF THE HOLY FOLK.**



ESPECIALLY THIS MAN WORTH 30 MILLION. HE'S AN ELITE NINJA THAT WAS ONCE APPOINTED TO THE GUARDIAN SHINOBI TWELVE THAT PROTECT THE RULER OF THE LAND OF FIRE.
GUARDIAN SHINOBI TWELVE?
IMPRES-SIVE...
THAT FIRE EMBLEM WAISTCLOTH IS PROOF...
SO BE CAREFUL, HIDAN, OR YOU'LL DIE.
火
ENOUGH, KAKUZU!
HUP




OK, TIME TO GET TO WORK.
HEH HEH HEH.


SOME-THING FUNNY ...?
WELL, YOU KNOW ...IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU'VE TAUGHT ME, MASTER KAKASHI...


DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I LIKE THIS...


...
HEH...

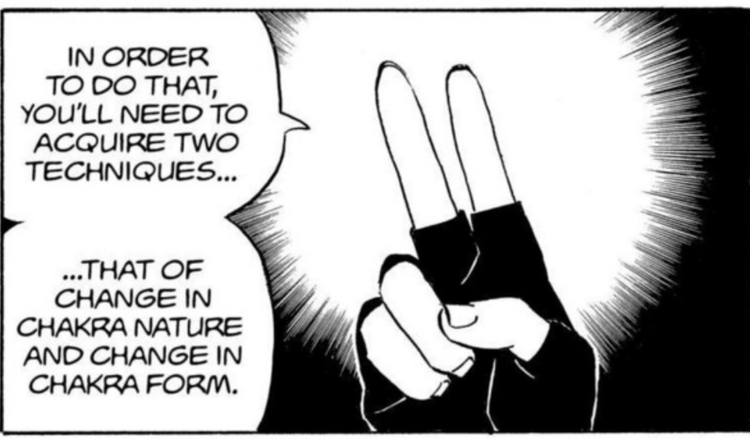

LAUGH WHILE YOU STILL CAN, NARUTO.
HA HA HA.

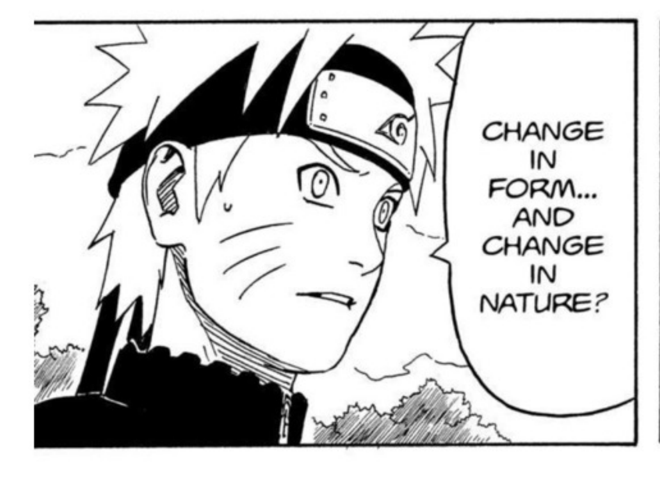

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TIME'S NOT PASSING ANY SLOWER.


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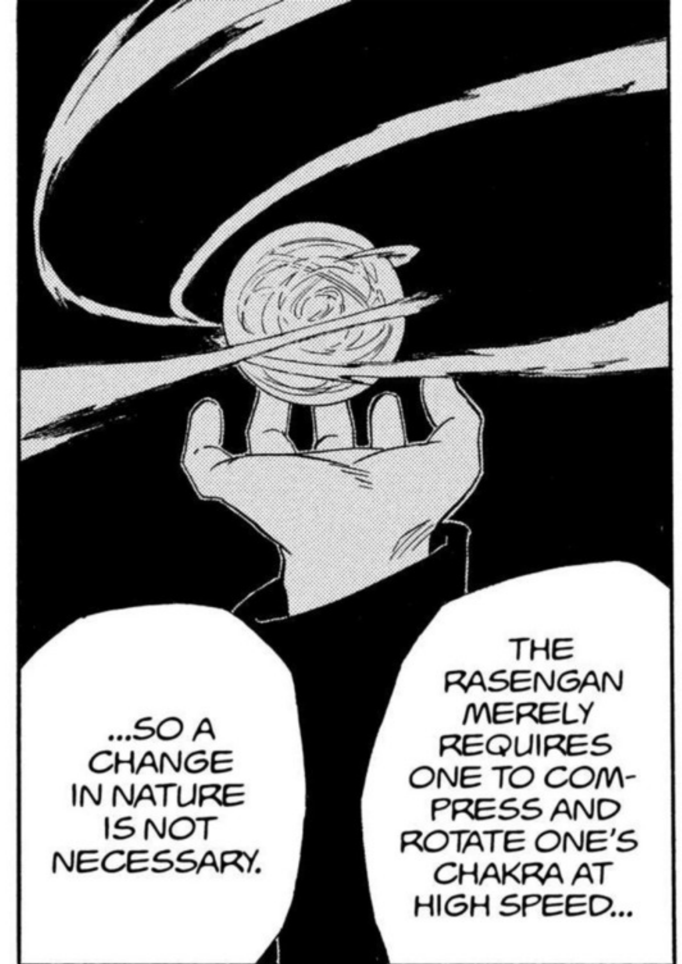

LIKE I TOLD YOU AT THE HOSPITAL ...
...THE GOAL OF THIS TRAINING IS TO CREATE AN ULTIMATE NINJUTSU THAT'S UNIQUELY YOURS.
A JUTSU THAT GOES BEYOND THE RASEN-GAN.


IN ORDER TO DO THAT, YOU'LL NEED TO ACQUIRE TWO TECHNIQUES...
...THAT OF CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE AND CHANGE IN CHAKRA FORM.


CHANGE IN FORM... AND CHANGE IN NATURE?

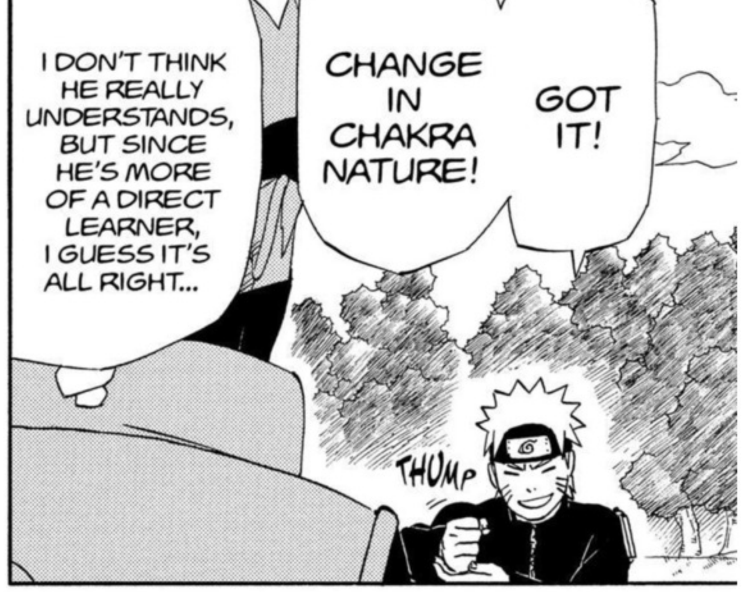

THAT'S RIGHT... FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE THE CHIDORI.
FIRST, I CHANGE MY CHAKRA'S NATURE SO IT'S LIKE AN ELECTRICAL CURRENT.
AND THEN I CHANGE ITS FORM SO IT'LL DISCHARGE...
...AND SET ITS RANGE OF ACTION AND POWER LEVEL.

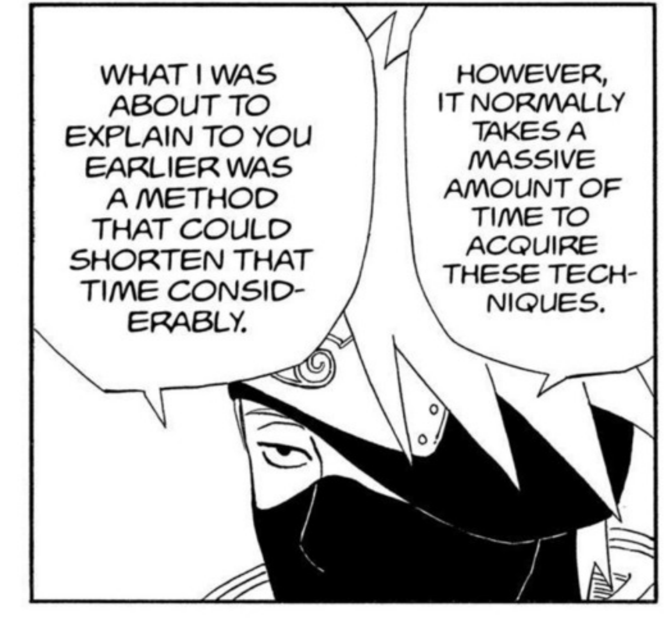

IN THAT REGARD, THE RASENGAN IS DIFFERENT FROM THE CHIDORI...
...BECAUSE IT ONLY INVOLVES A CHANGE IN FORM.


THE RASENGAN MERELY REQUIRES ONE TO COMPRESS AND ROTATE ONE'S CHAKRA AT HIGH SPEED...
...SO A CHANGE IN NATURE IS NOT NECESSARY.


CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE, HUH...


TO ACHIEVE JUTSU MORE POWERFUL THAN THE RASENGAN, YOU'LL NEED TO BE ABLE TO EXECUTE A CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE AS WELL.

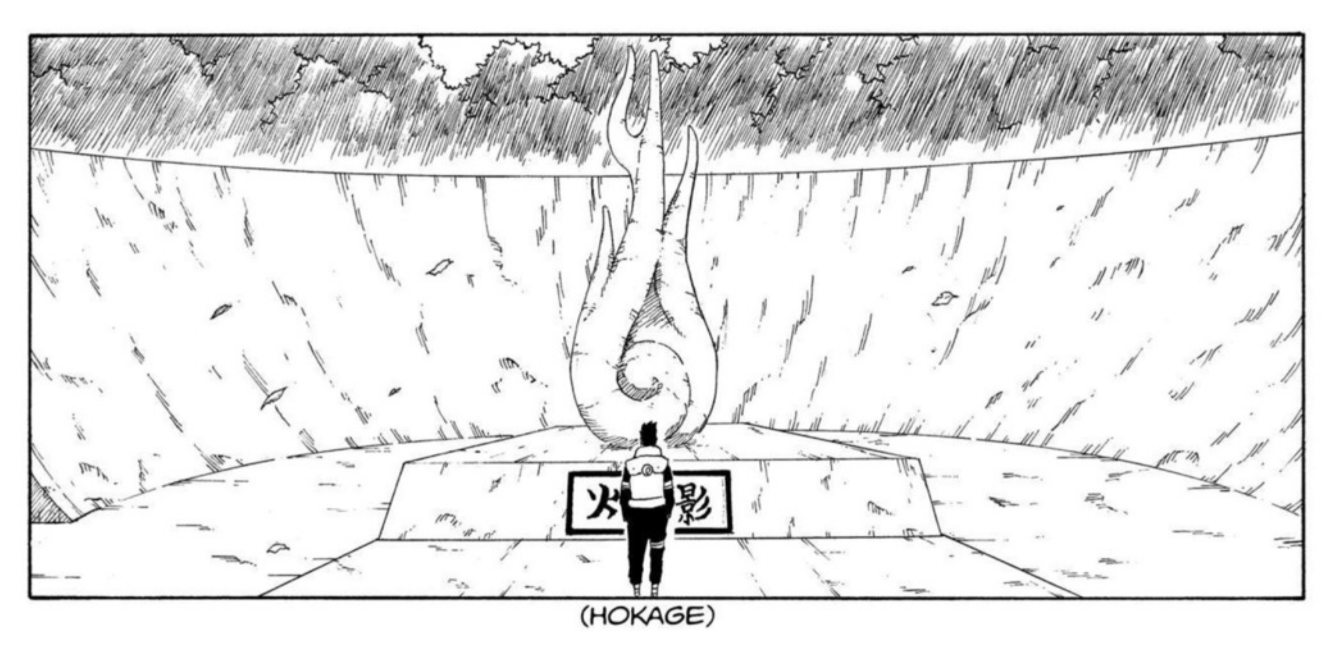

GOT IT!
CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE!
I DON'T THINK HE REALLY UNDERSTANDS, BUT SINCE HE'S MORE OF A DIRECT LEARNER, I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT...
THUMP


HOWEVER, IT NORMALLY TAKES A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF TIME TO ACQUIRE THESE TECHNIQUES.
WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU EARLIER WAS A METHOD THAT COULD SHORTEN THAT TIME CONSIDERABLY.


READ
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WAY

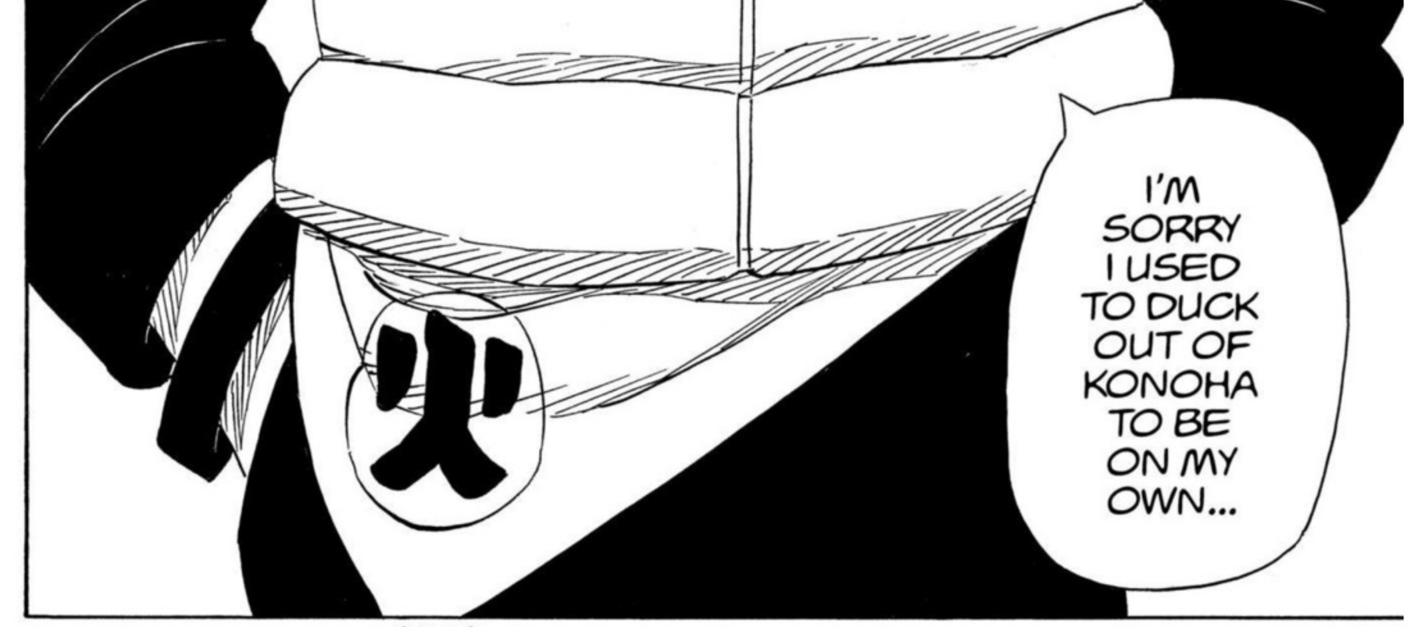

OKAY...
...SO WHAT IS IT?


HOLD YOUR HORSES, I'M GETTING TO IT.
IT'S...


火影
(HOKAGE)




...I FINALLY UNDER-STAND SOME OF WHAT YOU WERE ALWAYS SAYING...


I'M SORRY I USED TO DUCK OUT OF KONOHA TO BE ON MY OWN...
(FIRE)


...


NOT THAT I REGRET ANY OF IT.



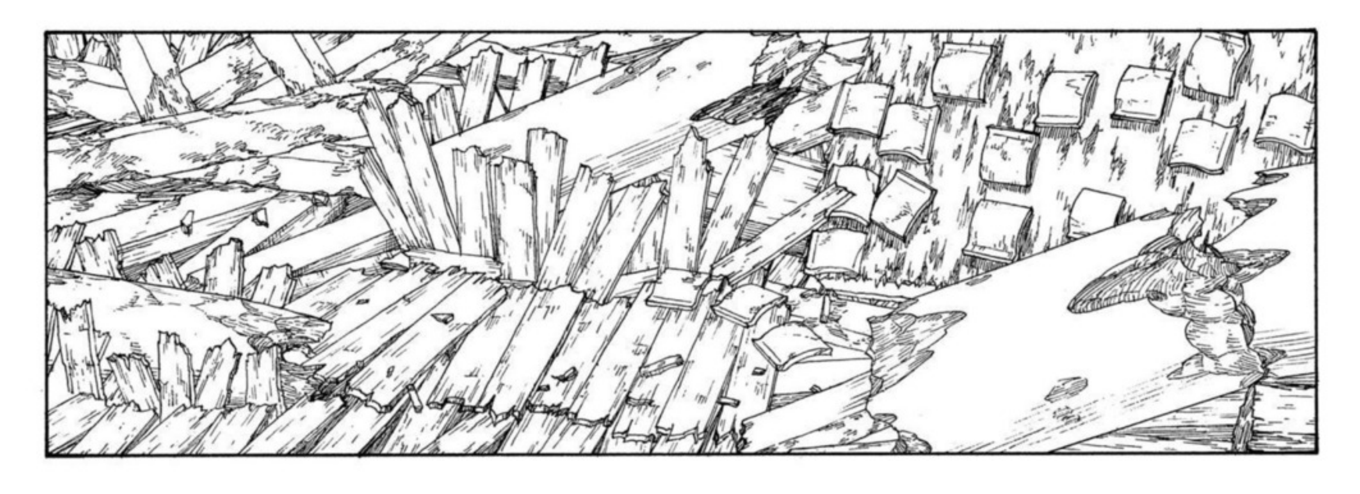

YOU FULFILLED YOUR DUTY AS OUR VILLAGE LEADER...
TWITCH

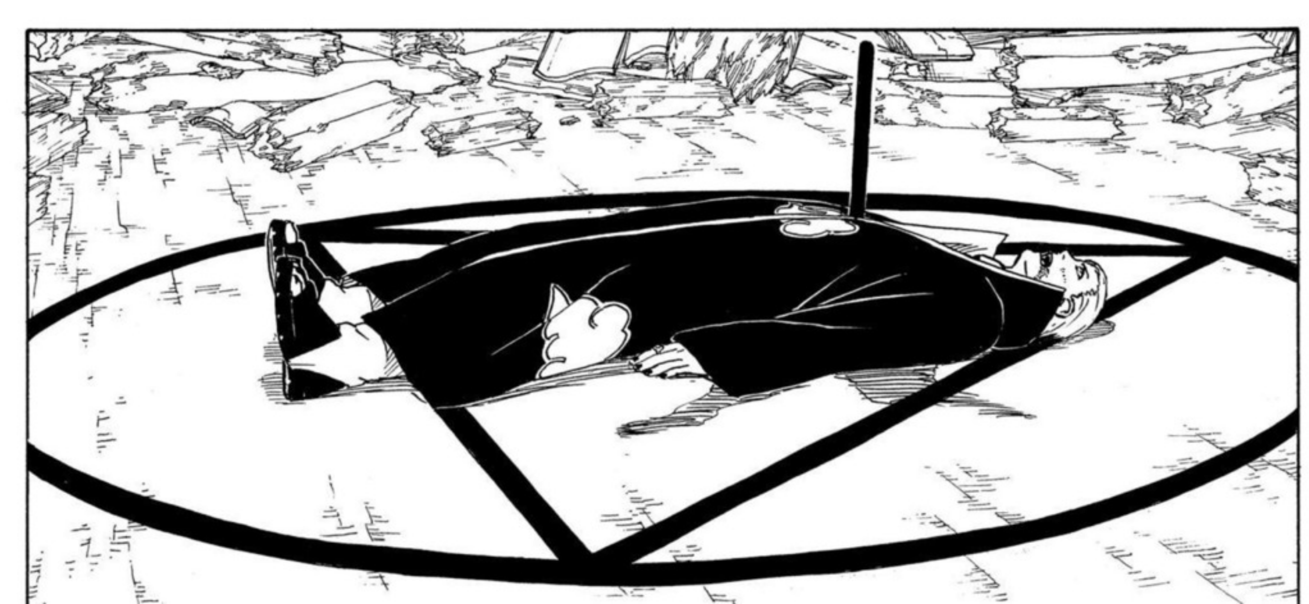

...MAYBE IT WASN'T SO BAD BEING BORN INTO THE SARUTOBI CLAN AFTER ALL.
火影


READ THIS WAY


...AND YOU REALLY WERE A COOL DAD...

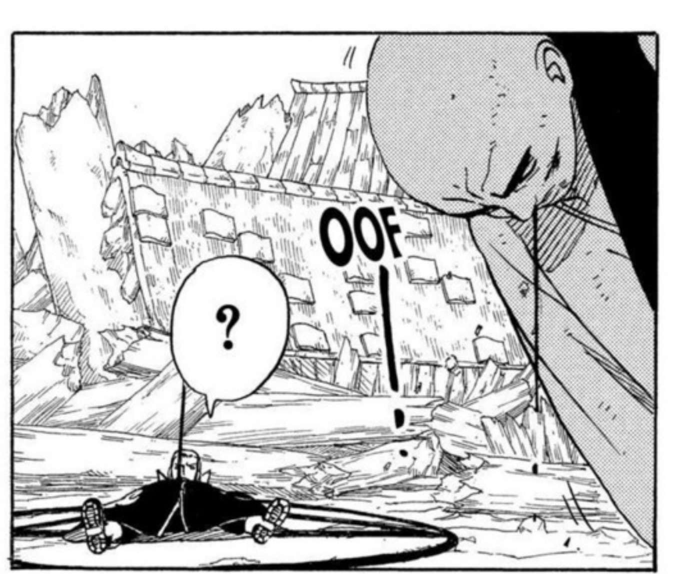


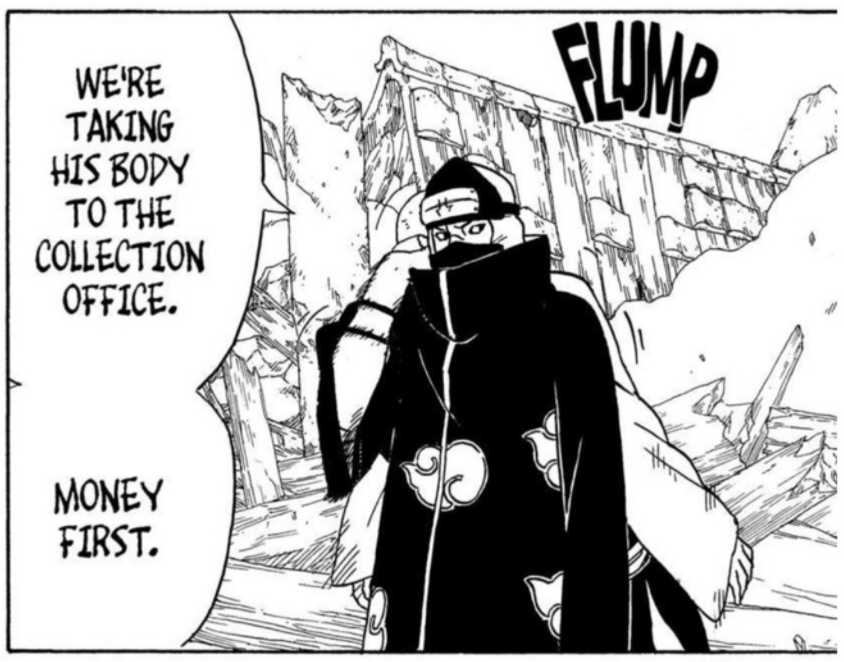


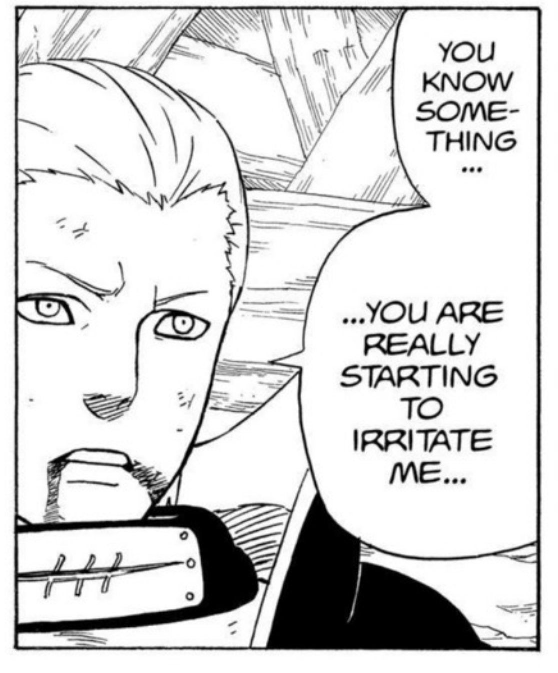



OH WELL. GUESS THERE WEREN'T ANY JINCHÛRIKI HOSTS HERE.
WHEN I'M DONE WITH MY PRAYERS, LET'S MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT THING.

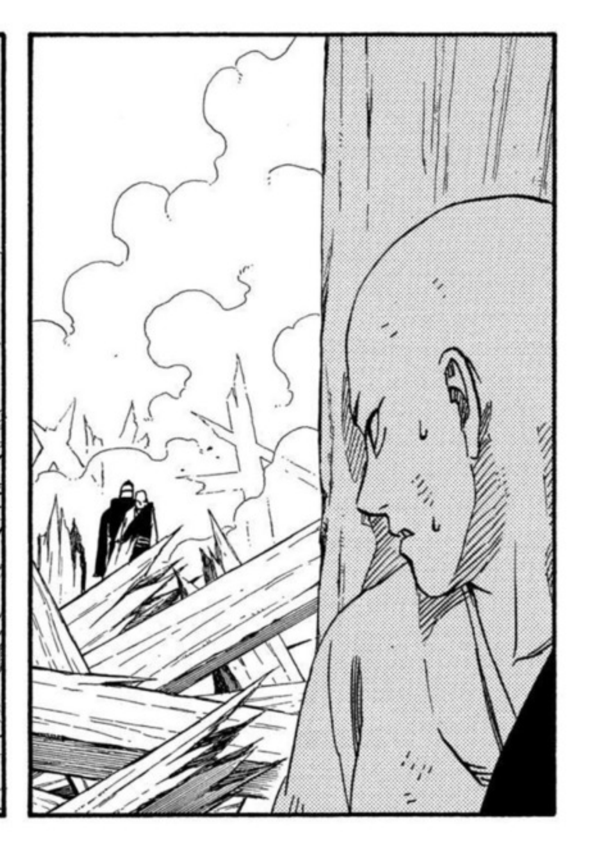

FSH...
NO...


OOF
?


FLUMP
WE'RE TAKING HIS BODY TO THE COLLECTION OFFICE.
MONEY FIRST.


YOU KNOW SOME-THING...
...YOU ARE REALLY STARTING TO IRRITATE ME...









THE LAND OF FIRE IS VAST... WE'RE GOING TO TAKE OUR TIME HERE.

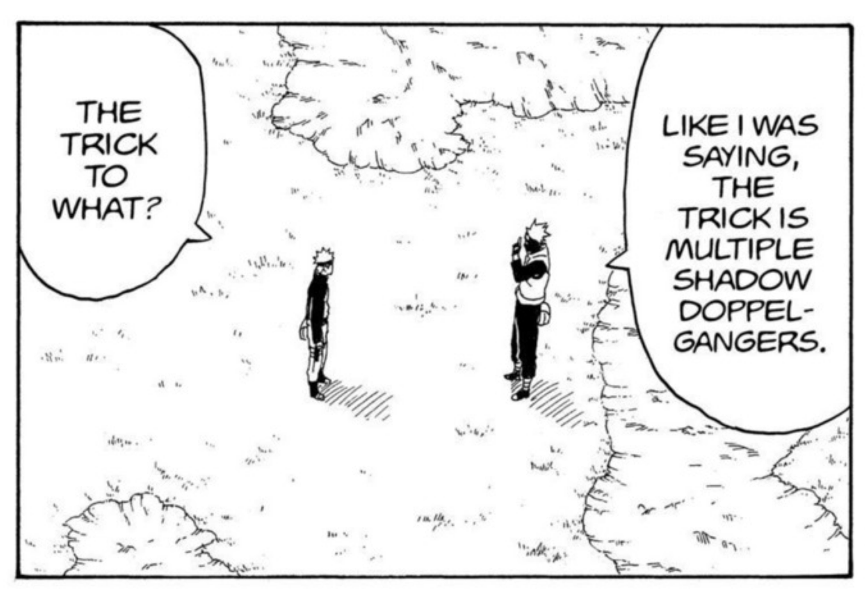
GREAT! MORE DELAYS!

OWW!!


NARUTO


Number 315: Special Drills!!
...MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS!


HUH?


LIKE I WAS SAYING, THE TRICK IS MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS.
THE TRICK TO WHAT?

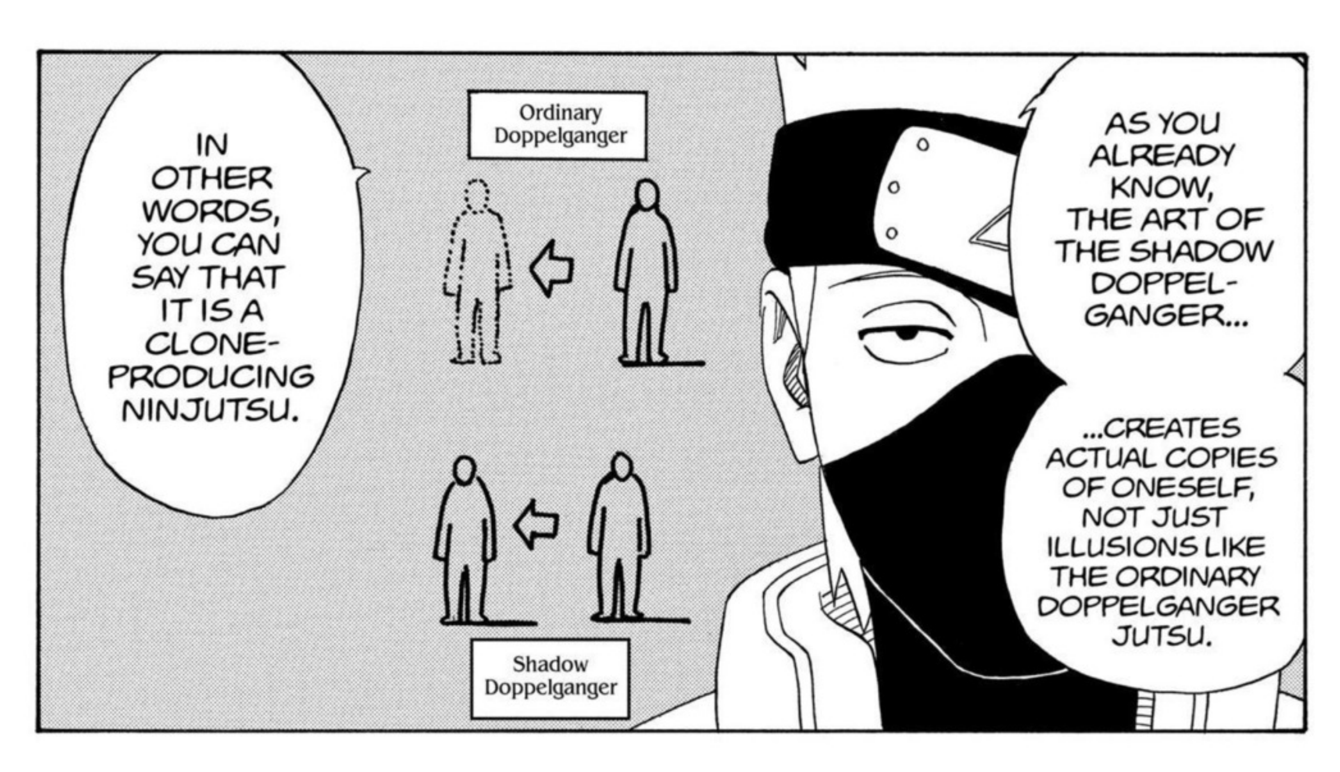

TO SHORTENING THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING TIME YOU'LL NEED.

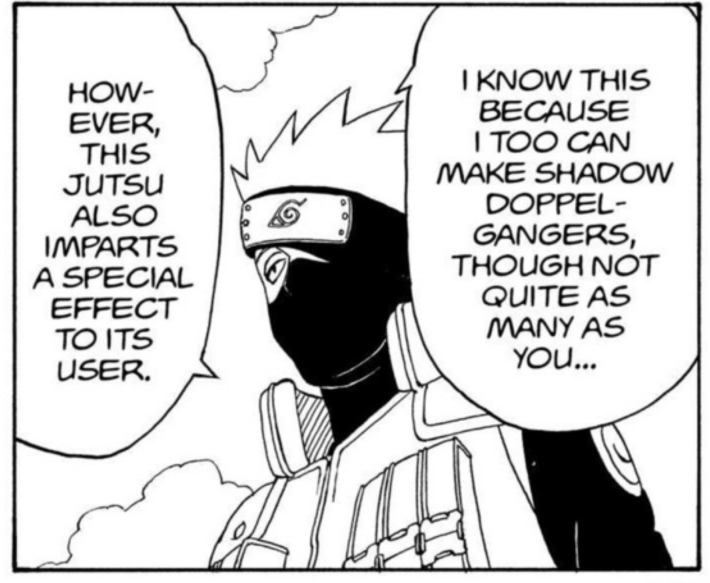

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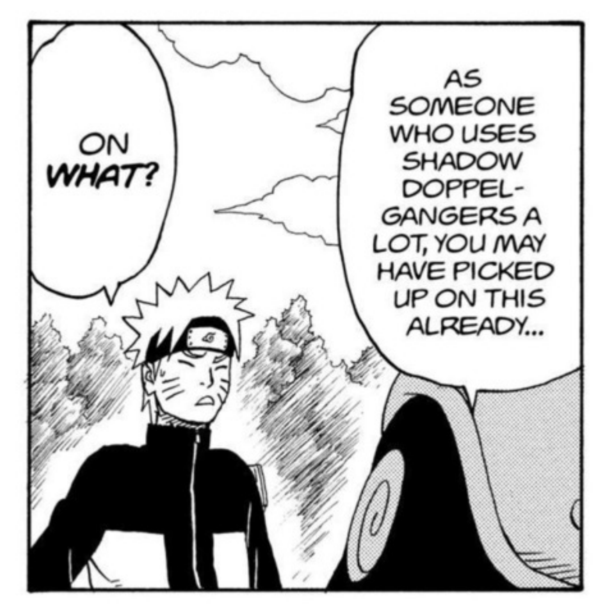

BUT...
...HOW WILL MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS HELP?


I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D ASK.
ALL RIGHT, I'LL EXPLAIN...
...BUT YOU BETTER PAY ATTEN-TION.

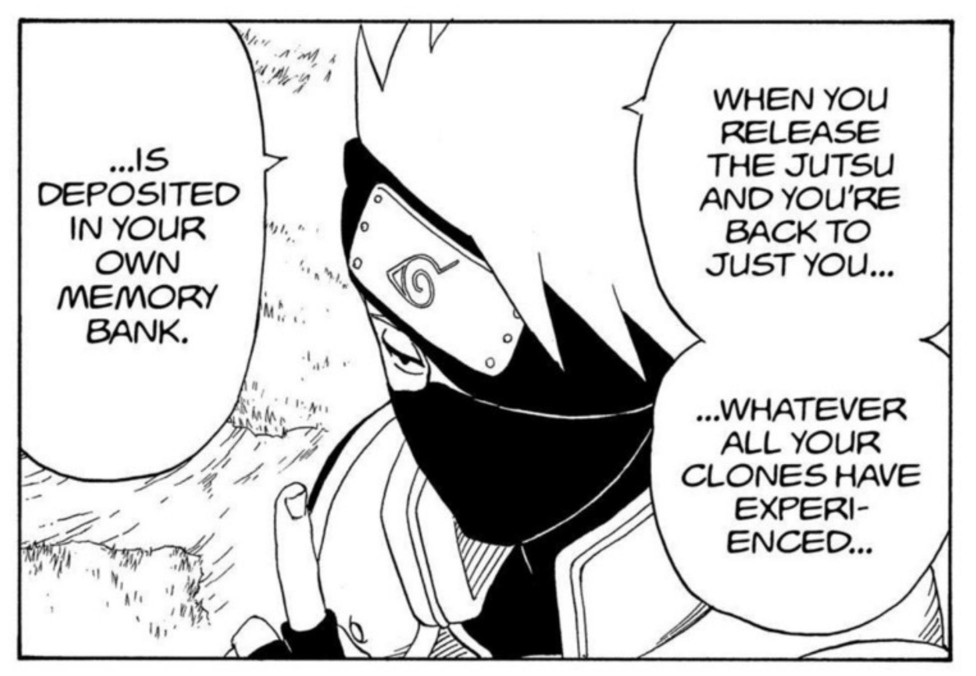

YES, SIR! BUT YOU BETTER KEEP IT SIMPLE.
FINE.


AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, THE ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER...
...CREATES ACTUAL COPIES OF ONESELF, NOT JUST ILLUSIONS LIKE THE ORDINARY DOPPELGANGER JUTSU.
Ordinary Doppelganger
Shadow Doppelganger
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN SAY THAT IT IS A CLONE-PRODUCING NINJUTSU.


I KNOW THIS BECAUSE I TOO CAN MAKE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS, THOUGH NOT QUITE AS MANY AS YOU...
HOW-EVER, THIS JUTSU ALSO IMPARTS A SPECIAL EFFECT TO ITS USER.


AS SOMEONE WHO USES SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS A LOT, YOU MAY HAVE PICKED UP ON THIS ALREADY...
ON *WHAT?*


READ THIS WAY


WHEN YOU RELEASE THE JUTSU AND YOU'RE BACK TO JUST YOU...
...WHATEVER ALL YOUR CLONES HAVE EXPERI- ENCED...
...IS DEPOSITED IN YOUR OWN MEMORY BANK.


...


I TOLD YOU TO KEEP IT SIMPLE.

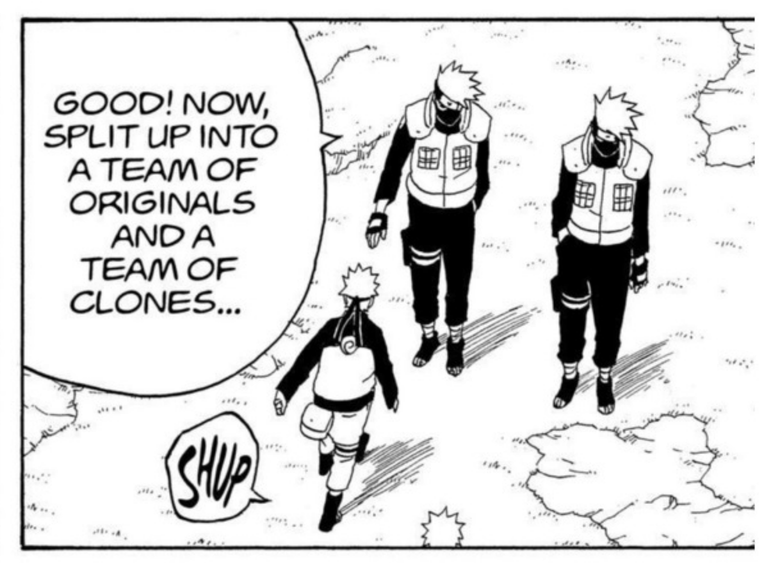

OKAY, SO YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED.
I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

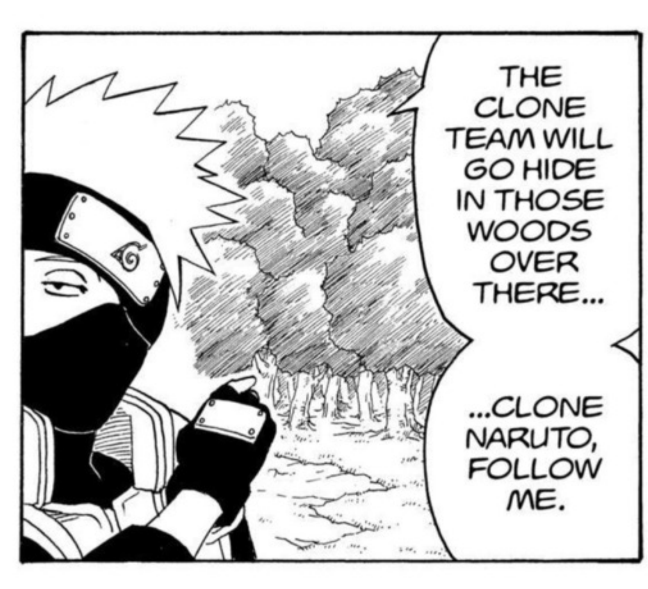

SIGH ...
ALL RIGHT... LET'S BOTH JUST MAKE SHADOW DOPPEL- GANGERS, OK?
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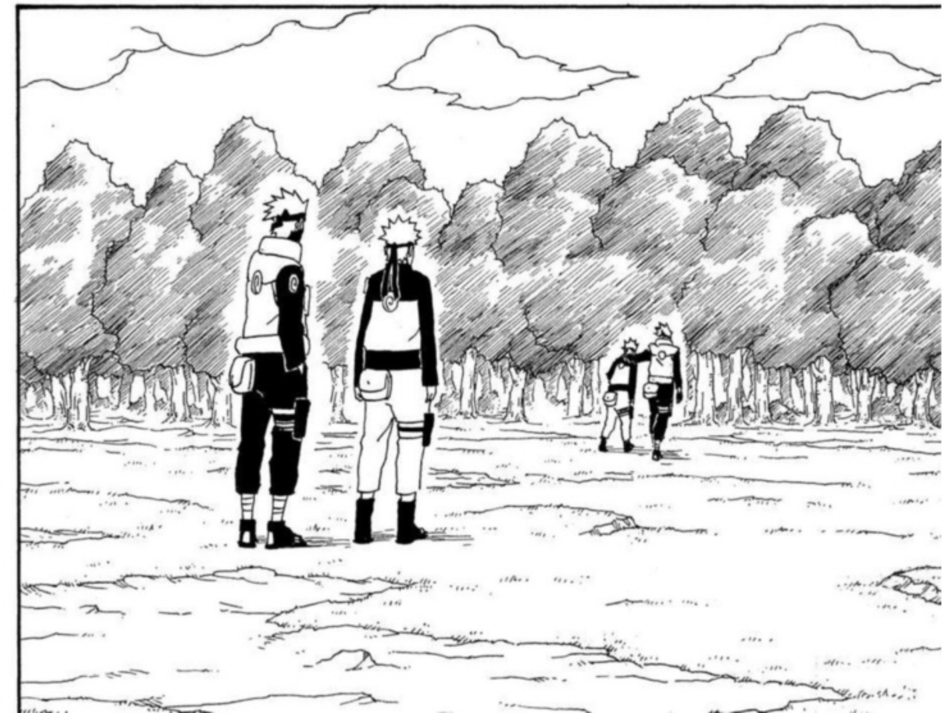

ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPEL- GANGER!

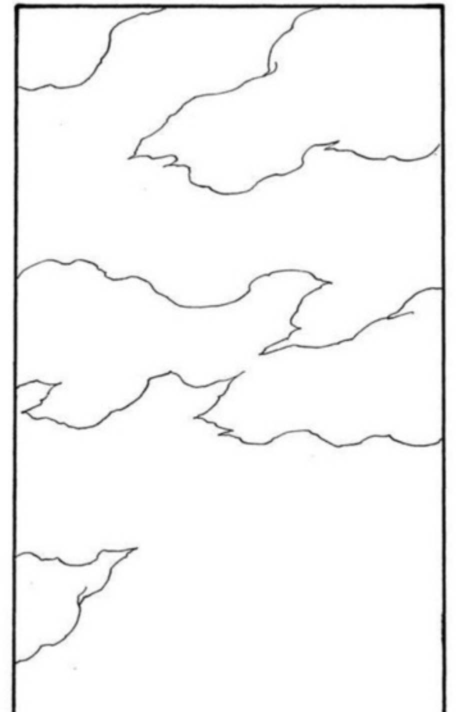

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FWHISH...

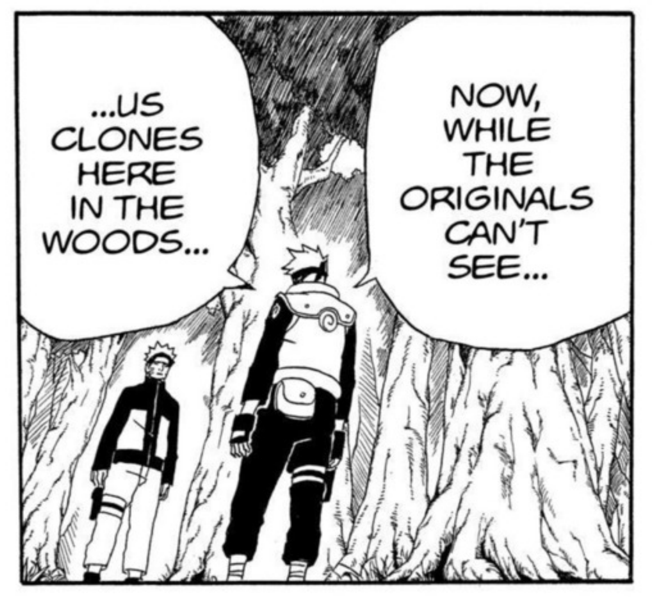

GOOD! NOW, SPLIT UP INTO A TEAM OF ORIGINALS AND A TEAM OF CLONES...
SHUP


THE CLONE TEAM WILL GO HIDE IN THOSE WOODS OVER THERE...
...CLONE NARUTO, FOLLOW ME.

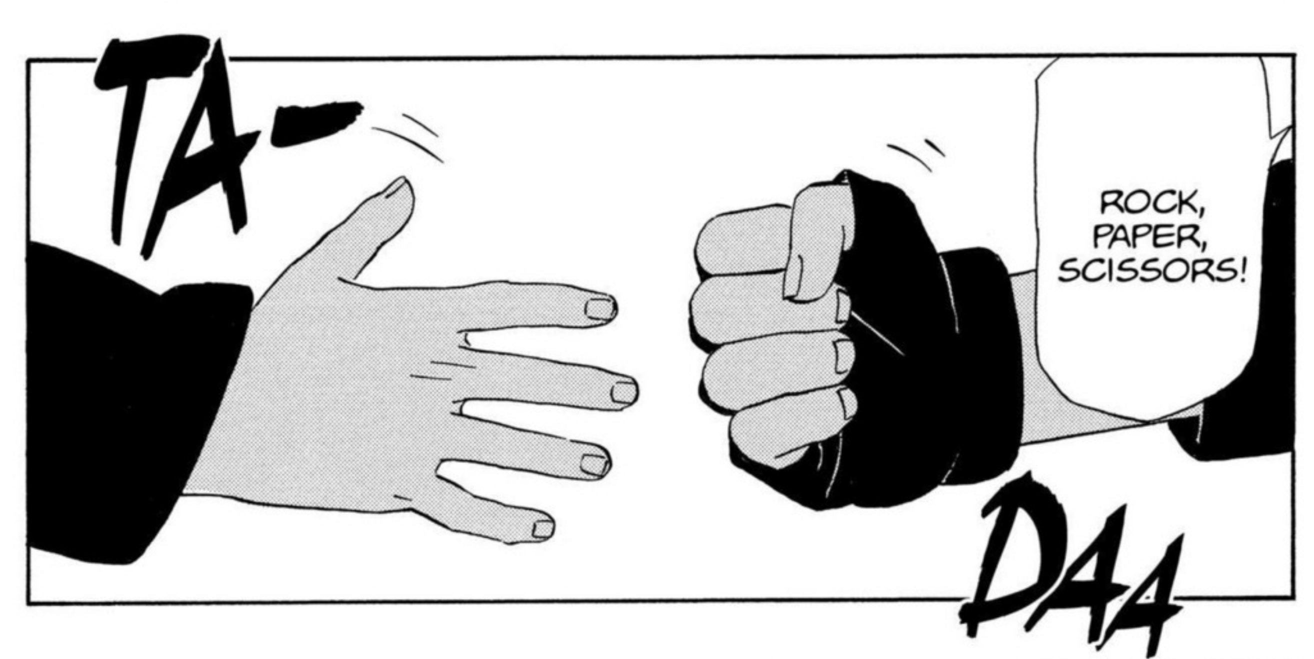


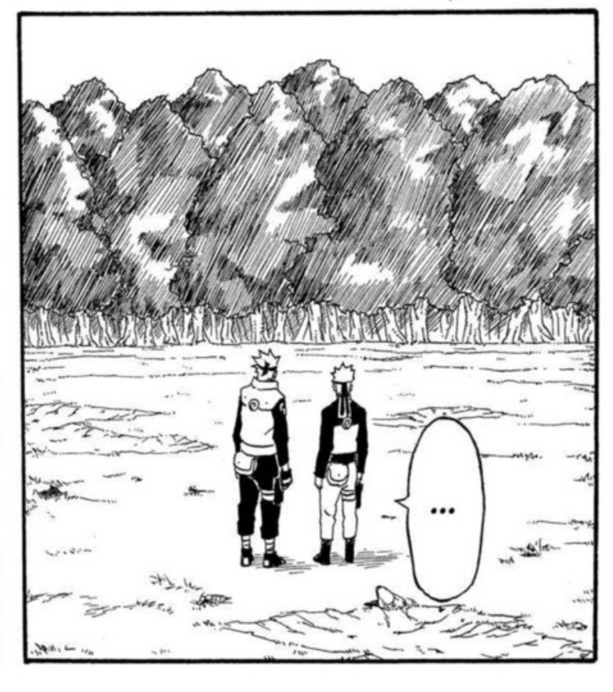



READ THIS WAY


NOW, WHILE THE ORIGINALS CAN'T SEE...
...US CLONES HERE IN THE WOODS...


...LET'S PLAY ROSHAMBO.
WHY?
JUST DO IT.


ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!
TA-
DAA


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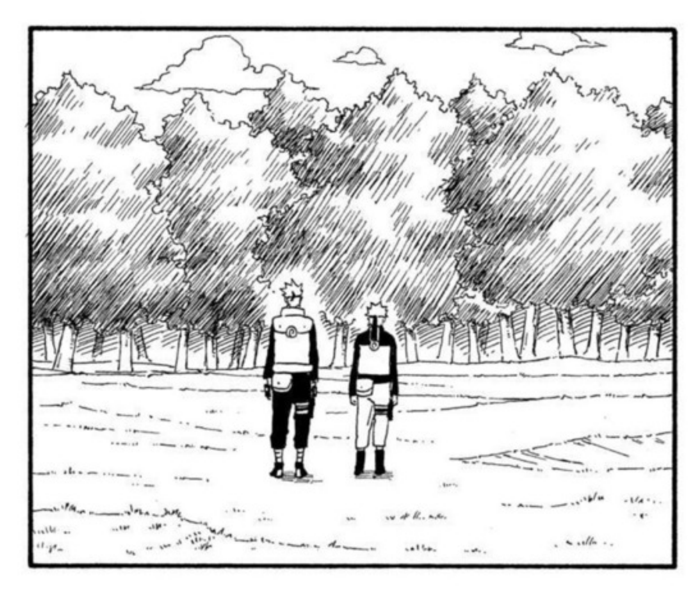

WHAT ARE OUR CLONES DOING?


DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL SEE SOON ENOUGH.


WOO-HOO! I WON!
ALL RIGHT THEN. LET'S RELEASE THE JUTSU AND BE DONE WITH IT.


YES, SIR!
FWP


BOOF
BOOF



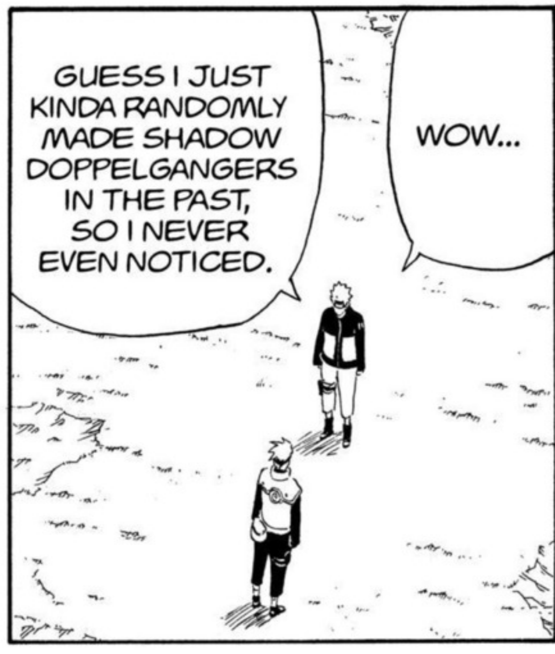

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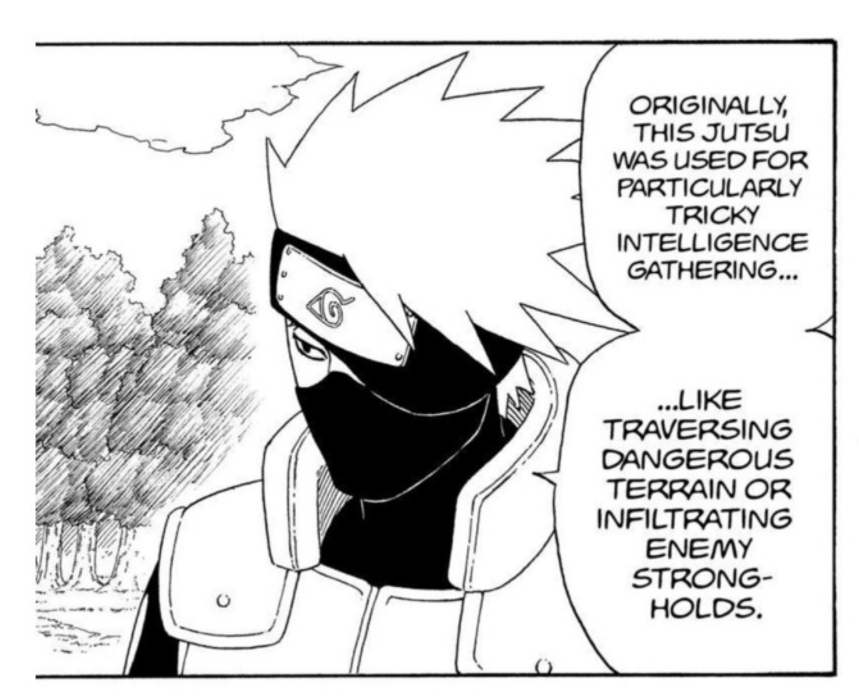

WELL?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT OUR CLONES JUST DID?


READ THIS WAY


WE PLAYED ***ROSHAMBO,*** AND I WON!


NOW DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
THE CLONES' EXPERIENCES GET LOGGED IN OUR MEMORY BANKS.


WOW...
GUESS I JUST KINDA RANDOMLY MADE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS IN THE PAST, SO I NEVER EVEN NOTICED.


ORIGINALLY, THIS JUTSU WAS USED FOR PARTICULARLY TRICKY INTELLIGENCE GATHERING...
...LIKE TRAVERSING DANGEROUS TERRAIN OR INFILTRATING ENEMY STRONG-HOLDS.


...
BUT HOW DOES ALL THIS RELATE...
...TO SHORTENING MY TRAINING PERIOD?


YES, YES, I'M STILL GETTING TO THAT.
HOW LORD JIRAIYA FOUND THE PATIENCE TO TEACH THIS KID THE RASENGAN IS COMPLETELY BEYOND ME...

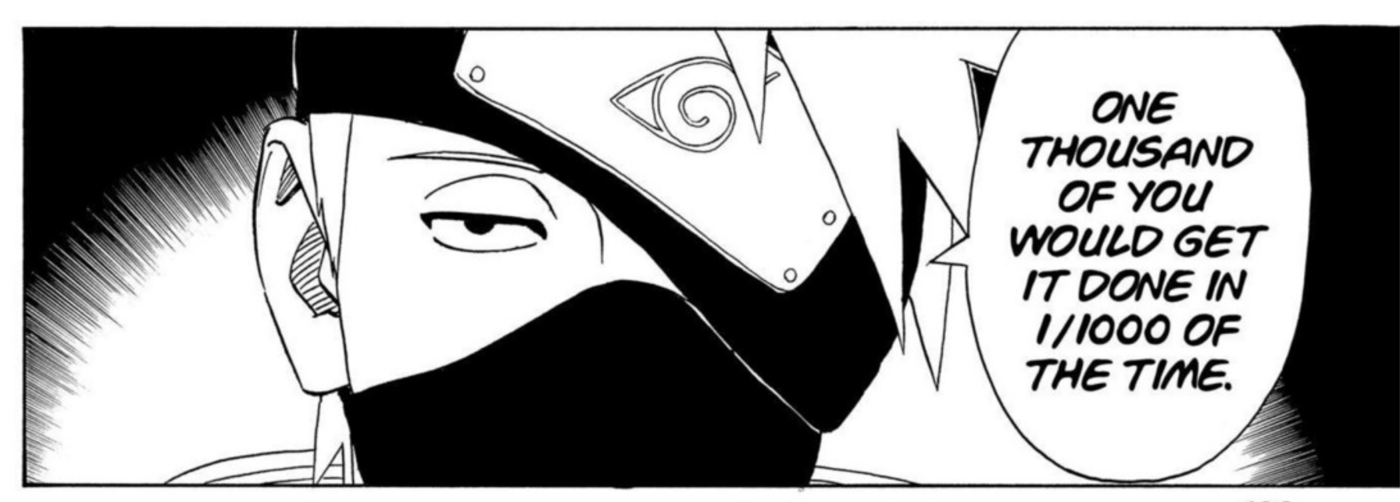

WELL, COME ON!
TELL ME!


...BASICALLY, IF YOU AND ONE SHADOW DOPPELGANGER DO THE SAME EXERCISE SIMULTANE-OUSLY...
...YOU'LL RACK UP TWICE THE EXPERIENCE.


YEAH! OK!

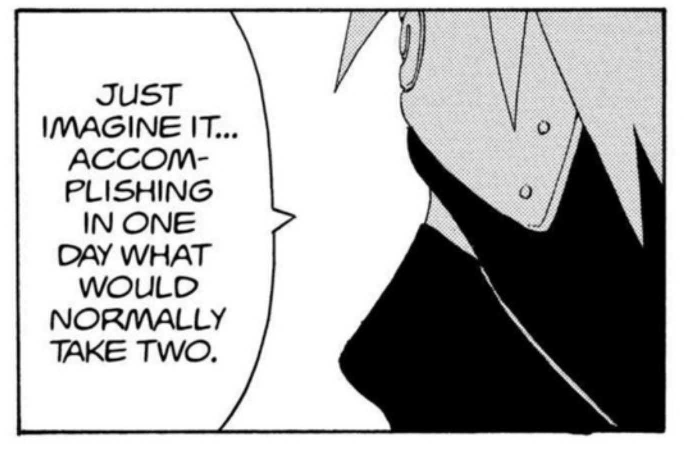

IN OTHER WORDS ...
...IF TWO OF YOU TRAIN TOGETHER, WE CUT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TRAINING TIME IN HALF.


THREE OF YOU WOULD ONLY TAKE A THIRD OF THE TIME.


ONE THOUSAND OF YOU WOULD GET IT DONE IN 1/1000 OF THE TIME.


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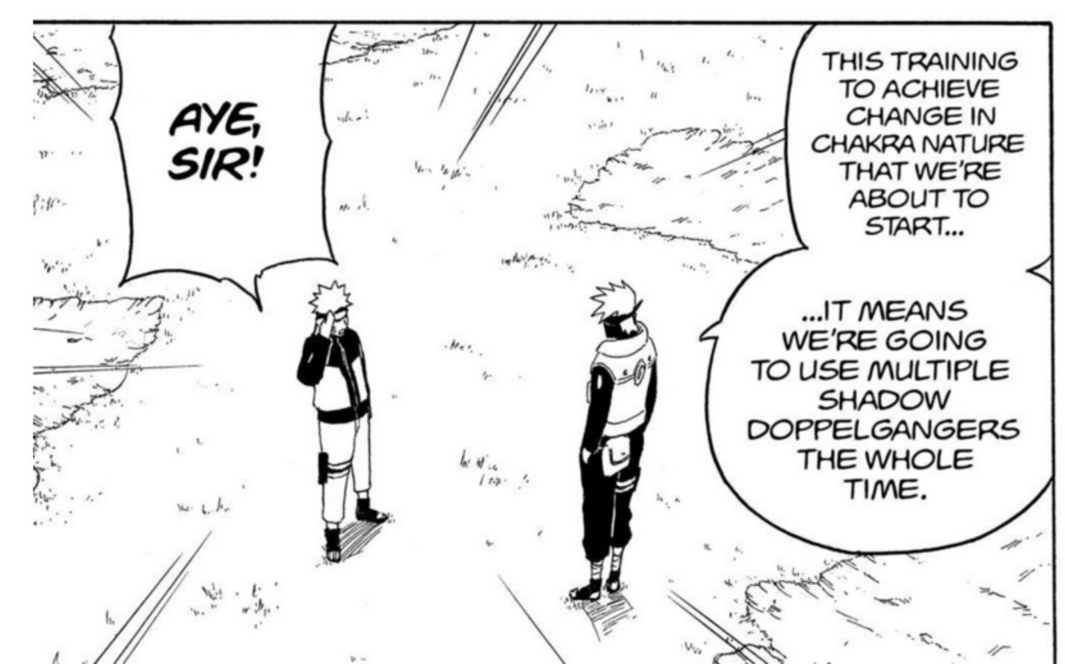

WOW... THAT'S A LOT...


JUST IMAGINE IT... ACCOMPLISHING IN ONE DAY WHAT WOULD NORMALLY TAKE TWO.


SKILLS THAT WOULD TAKE 20 YEARS TO MASTER ...
...COULD BE LEARNED IN ONE WEEK WITH 1000 CLONES.


WOW!!
THAT'S GENIUS!


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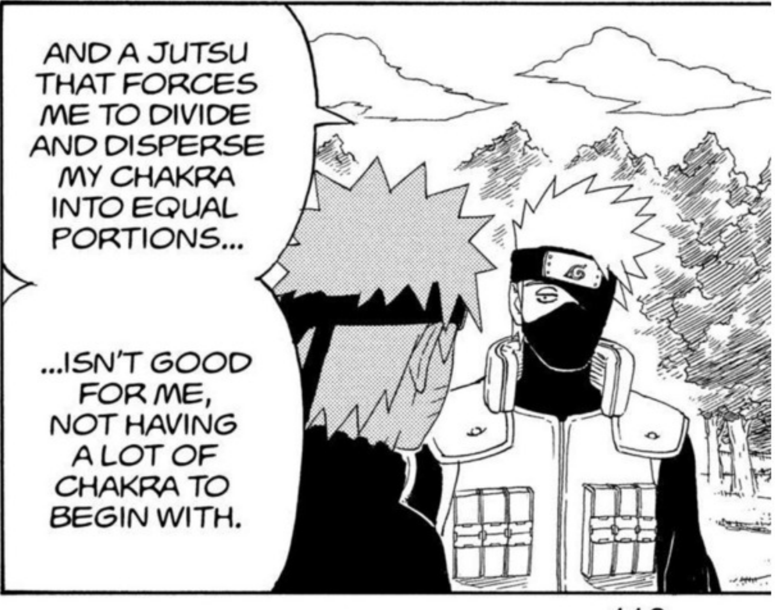

THIS TRAINING TO ACHIEVE CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE THAT WE'RE ABOUT TO START...
...IT MEANS WE'RE GOING TO USE MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS THE WHOLE TIME.
AYE, SIR!


NOW I KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO STRONG, MASTER KAKASHI!
THIS IS HOW YOU'VE BEEN TRAINING, HUH?


NOPE.
I'VE NEVER USED THIS METHOD BEFORE.


HUH??? WHY NOT?
IF YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS ...


I DO...
...BUT I CAN'T MAINTAIN THEM LONG ENOUGH.
I SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE KIND OF POWER YOU DO.

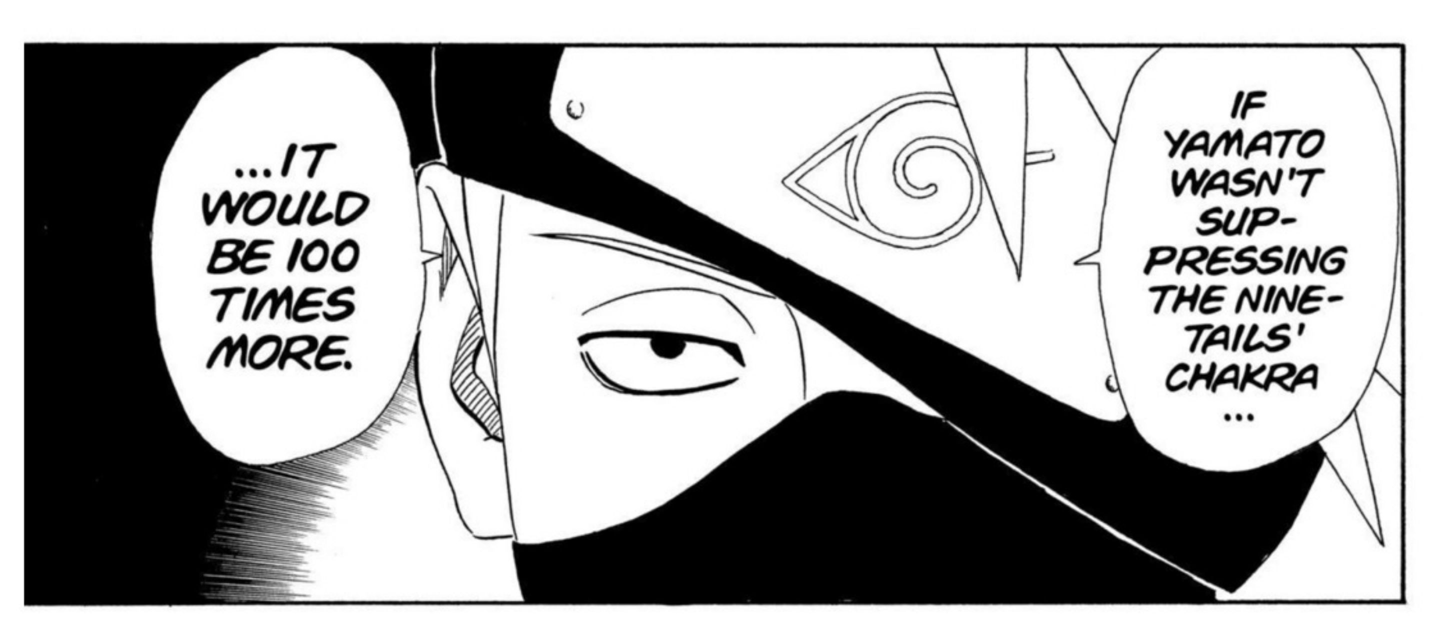

AND A JUTSU THAT FORCES ME TO DIVIDE AND DISPERSE MY CHAKRA INTO EQUAL PORTIONS...
...ISN'T GOOD FOR ME, NOT HAVING A LOT OF CHAKRA TO BEGIN WITH.


WAIT A SEC...
...I HAVE MORE CHAKRA THAN YOU DO??


READ
THIS
WAY


ABOUT FOUR TIMES MORE.


NO WAY! REALLY ???
SO I'M LIKE SUPER AMAZING, HUH?!


IF YAMATO WASN'T SUP-PRESSING THE NINE-TAILS' CHAKRA ...
...IT WOULD BE 100 TIMES MORE.


!


AND THAT'S WHY THIS TRAINING TECHNIQUE ALSO ONLY WORKS FOR YOU...
...NARUTO.
CRUNCH


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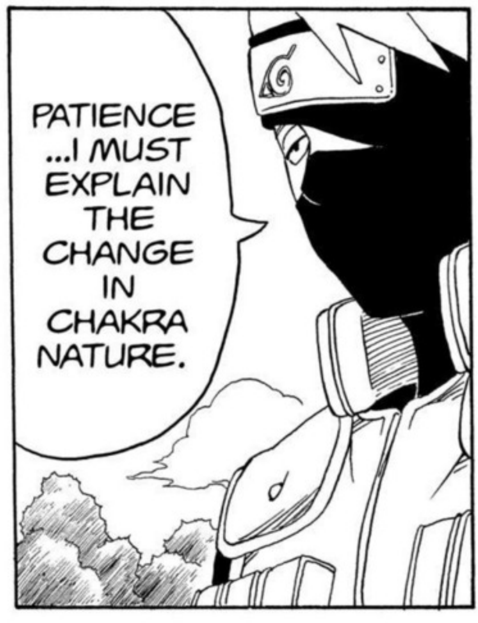

CAPTAIN YAMATO!


KAKASHI ASKED ME TO HELP OUT WITH YOUR TRAINING.
SINCE I'M NEEDED TO CONTROL THE NINE TAILS' CHAKRA.


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THANKS, SIR!

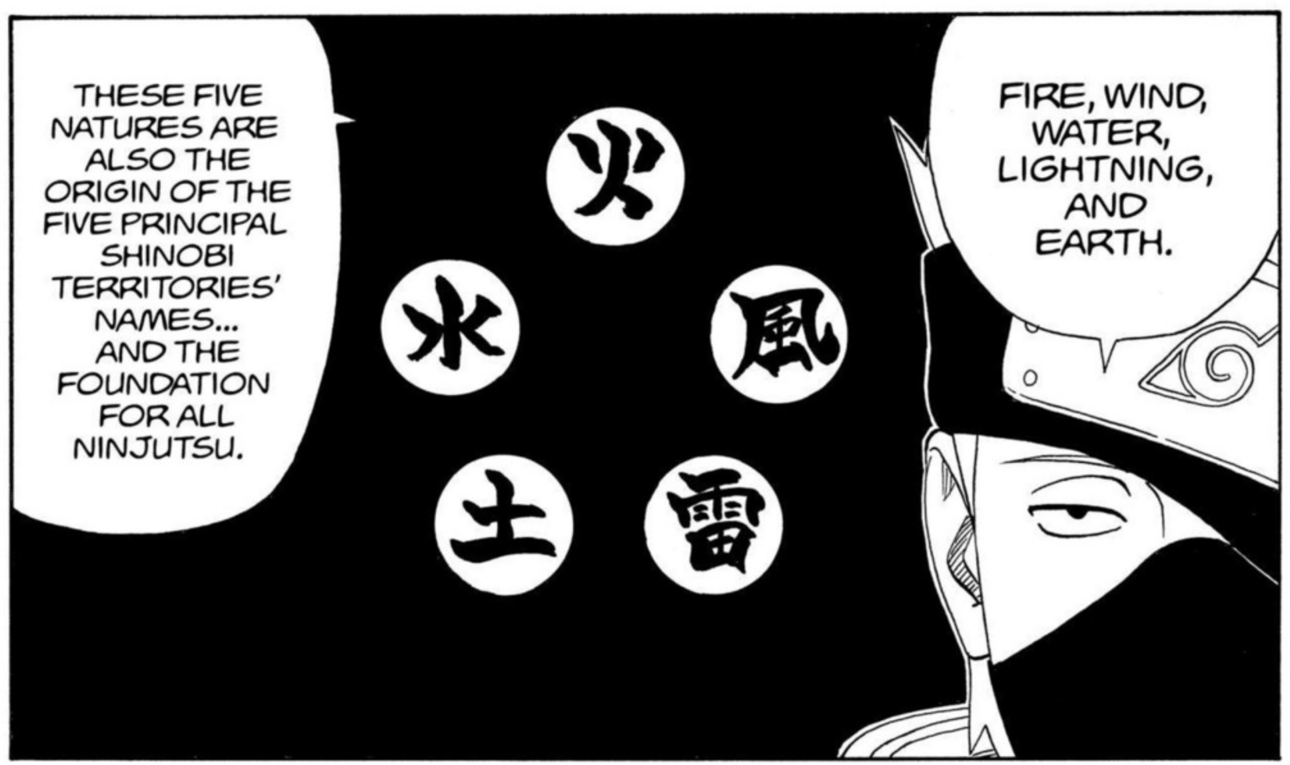

PATIENCE ...I MUST EXPLAIN THE CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE.


SURE!!









(DIAGRAM CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: FIRE, WIND, LIGHTNING, EARTH, WATER)






WIND NATURE LEADS TO WIND STYLE JUTSU...
...AND LIGHTNING NATURE TO LIGHTNING STYLE JUTSU.
FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHIDORI IS A TYPE OF LIGHTNING STYLE JUTSU.


...WHICH MEANS...
...SASUKE POS-SESSES BOTH FIRE AND LIGHTNING THEN, HUH...


...AND YOU SEEM TO HAVE NONE.
NOT ONLY THAT, WE STILL DON'T EVEN KNOW WHICH NATURE YOU'RE PRE-DISPOSED TO.
SHFF SHFF

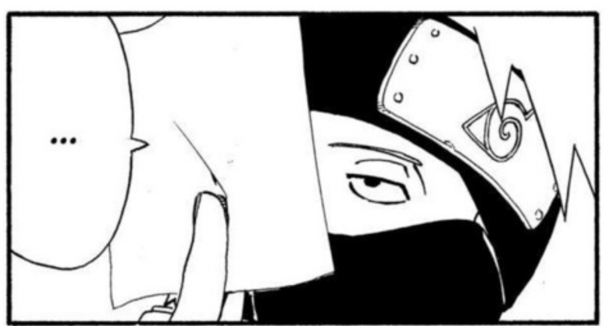

SWISH...


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FFWT
SO WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT USING THESE SLIPS OF PAPER.

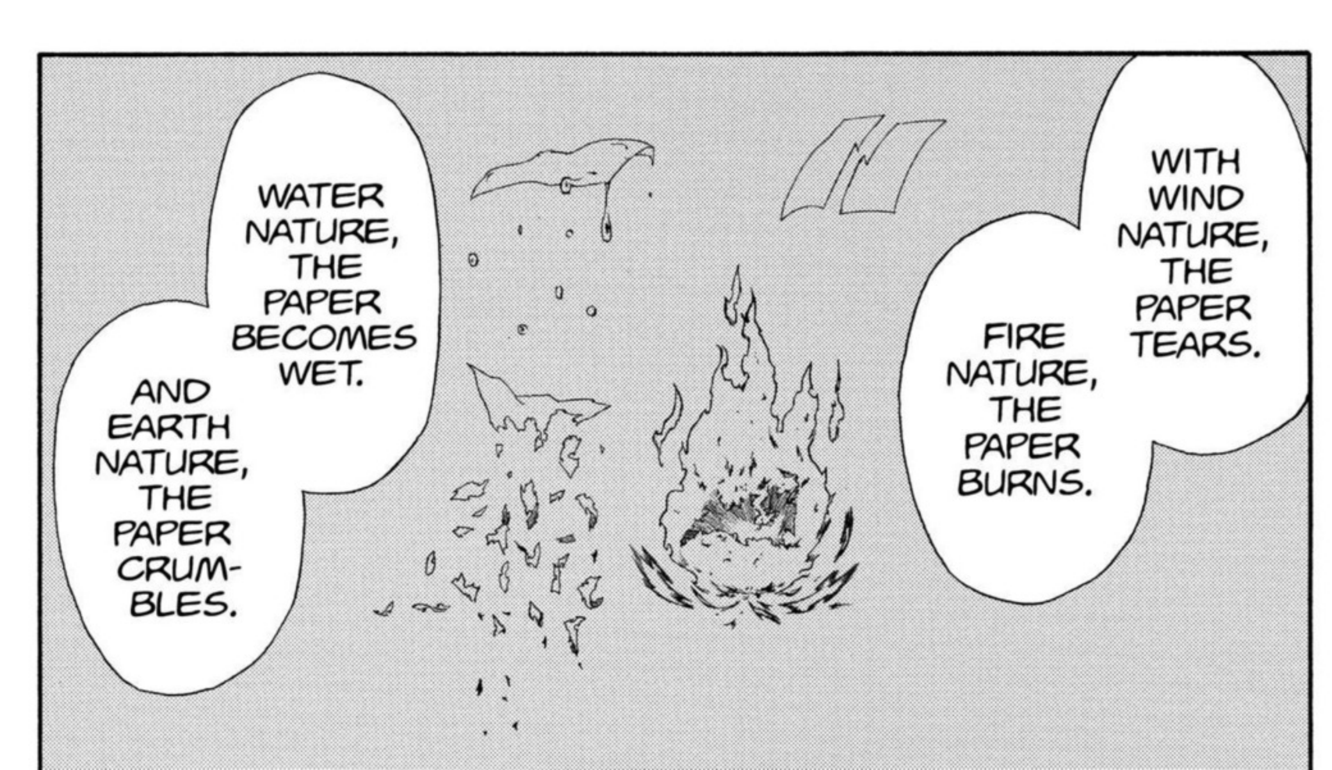

CRINKLE


HOW?


...


IF YOU HAVE LIGHTNING NATURE, THE PAPER WILL WRINKLE.


?


WITH WIND NATURE, THE PAPER TEARS.
FIRE NATURE, THE PAPER BURNS.
WATER NATURE, THE PAPER BECOMES WET.
AND EARTH NATURE, THE PAPER CRUMBLES.


THESE ARE LITMUS PAPERS THAT REACT TO CHAKRA.
THEY'RE MADE FROM A UNIQUE SPECIES OF TREE THAT ABSORBS AND GROWS FROM CHAKRA.
FFT
YOU CAN FIND OUT YOUR TRUE NATURE SIMPLY BY RUNNING YOUR CHAKRA THROUGH THE SLIP.


THIP


...
ALL RIGHT ...


HMM


HAH!

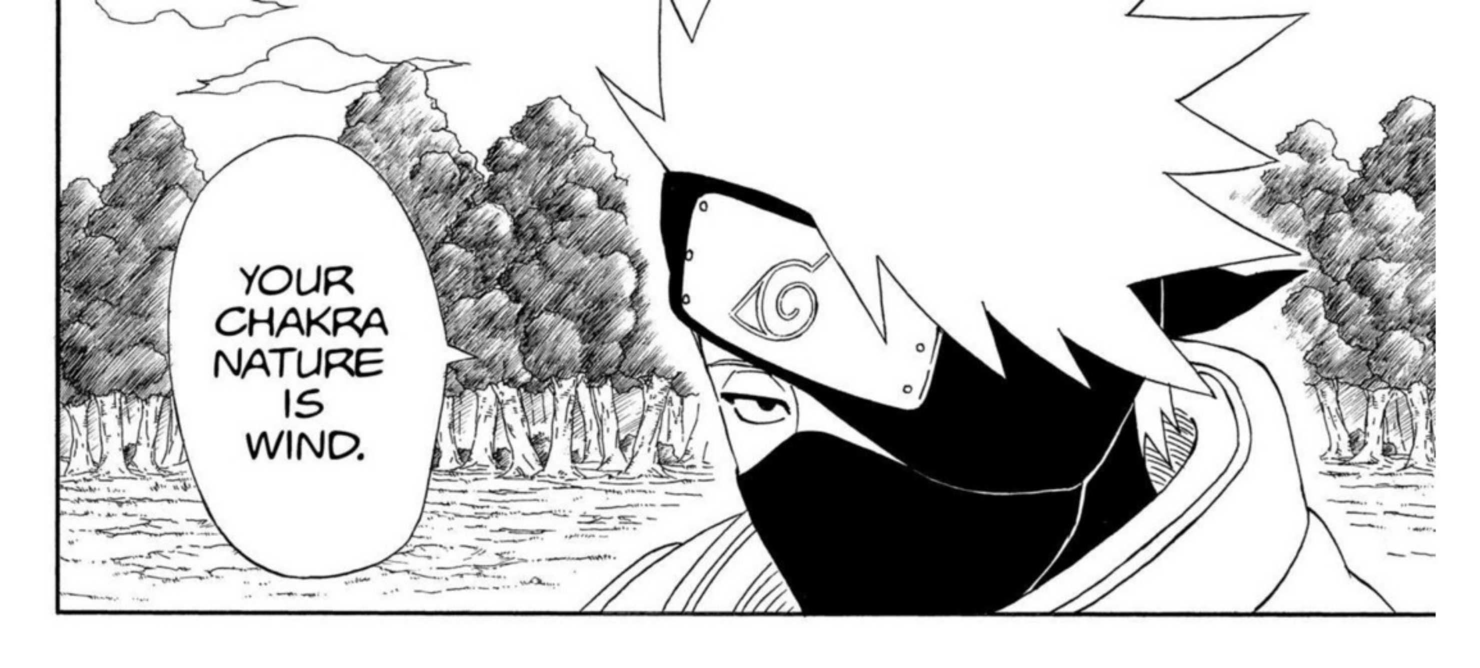

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AAH!

...!

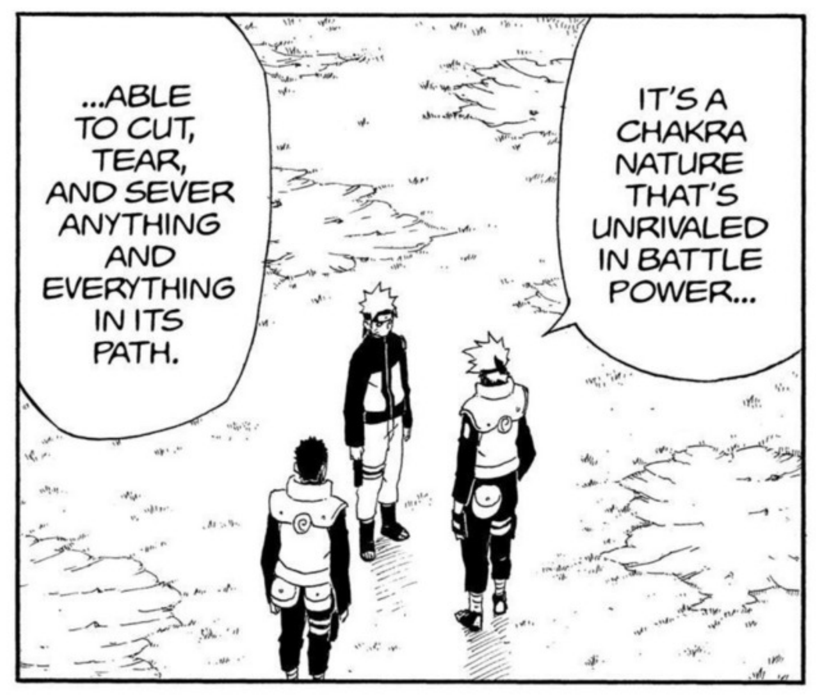

WELL THEN, LET'S GET STARTED...
...WITH WIND CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE TRAIN-ING.


NARUTO


Number 316:
Let the Training Begin!!


YOUR CHAKRA NATURE IS WIND.

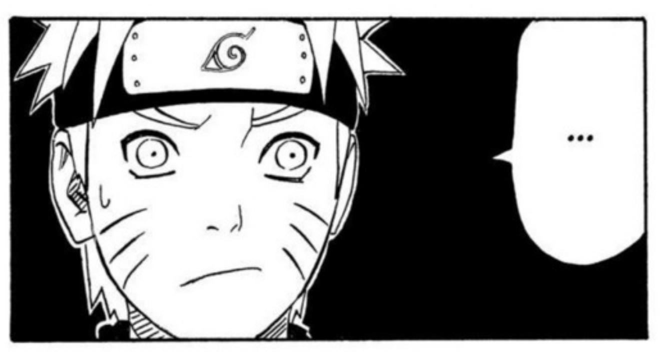

WIND ...


IT'S A CHAKRA NATURE THAT'S UNRIVALED IN BATTLE POWER...
...ABLE TO CUT, TEAR, AND SEVER ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.


I KNEW IT! I KNEW I WAS UNSTOP-PABLE!
WHOA, NARUTO. HOLD YOUR HORSES. WE'VE ONLY JUST FIGURED THIS OUT.


MASTER KAKASHI'S RIGHT. FIRST YOU MUST BE TRAINED ...
...SO YOU CAN PROPERLY USE AND CONTROL YOUR NATURE.
...HMM?


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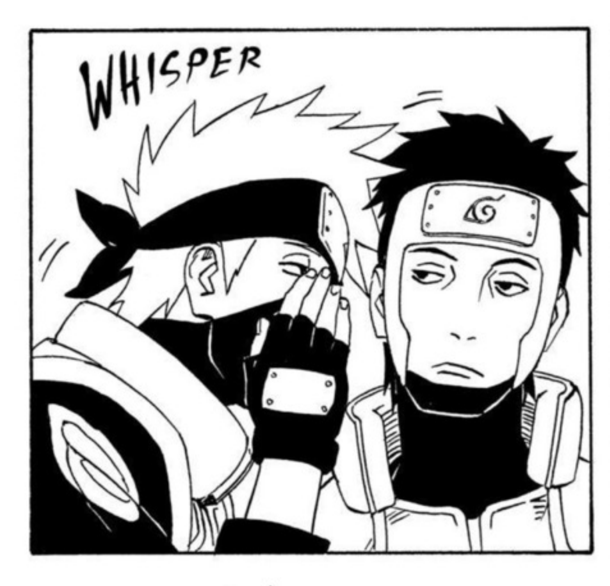

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JUST WON-DERING ...
...WHICH NATURE DOES YOUR WOOD STYLE JUTSU FALL UNDER, CAPTAIN YAMATO?


WHAT?


...




WHISPER




FWP
FWP

THUD THUD THU

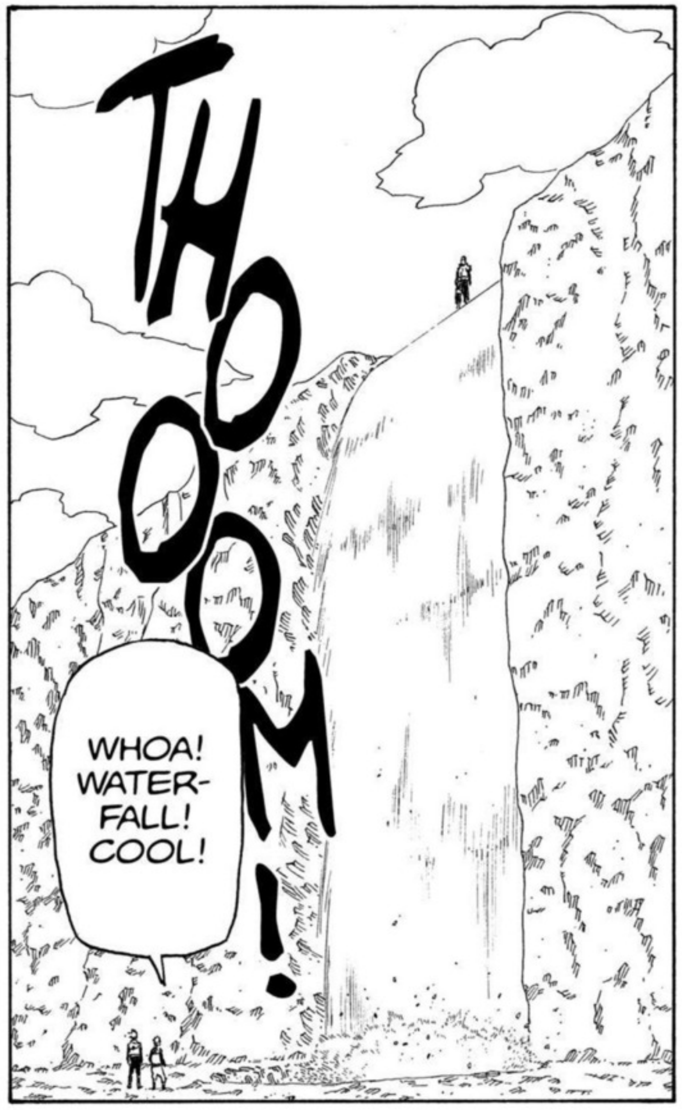
EARTH STYLE! RAMPART OF FLOWING SOIL!!

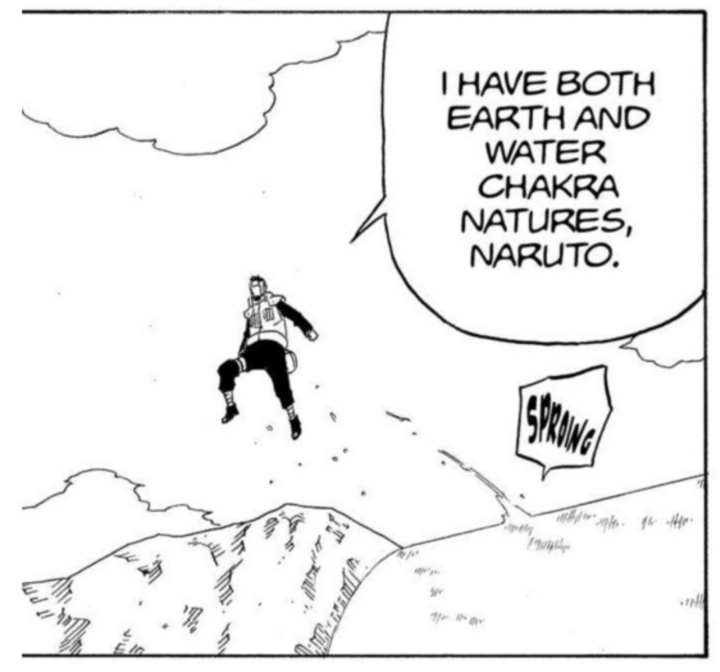







READ THIS WAY


THOOOOM!
WHOA! WATERFALL! COOL!


I HAVE BOTH EARTH AND WATER CHAKRA NATURES, NARUTO.
SPROING


YOU HAVE TWO TOO, CAPTAIN YAMATO?! AWESOME!


ONCE YOU HIT JONIN RANK, MOST EVERYONE HAS AT LEAST TWO NATURES.
I CAN USE NATURES OTHER THAN JUST LIGHTNING, Y'KNOW.

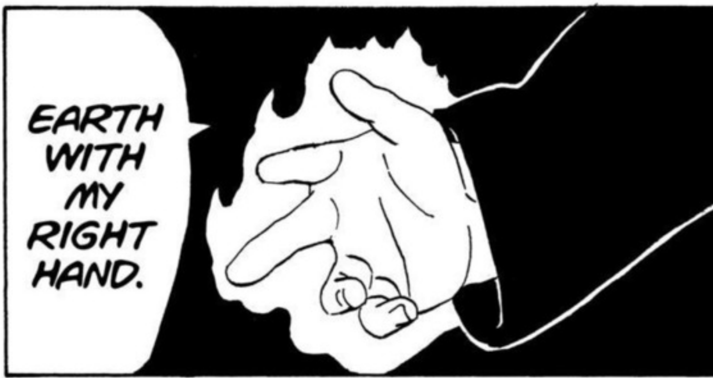

SO... INCLUDING HIS WOOD STYLE... CAPTAIN YAMATO HAS THREE?!


NO, NO, THAT'S NOT QUITE IT.
?


I CAN ONLY USE EARTH AND WATER NATURES.
YOU SEE, TECH-NICALLY, THERE IS NO WOOD NATURE.


THEN HOW?


YOU USE THE TWO SIMUL-TANE-OUSLY.
IF YOU ACTIVATE EARTH AND WATER NATURES TOGETHER...
...YOU CAN CREATE A WOOD NATURE.


EARTH WITH MY RIGHT HAND.


CLAP

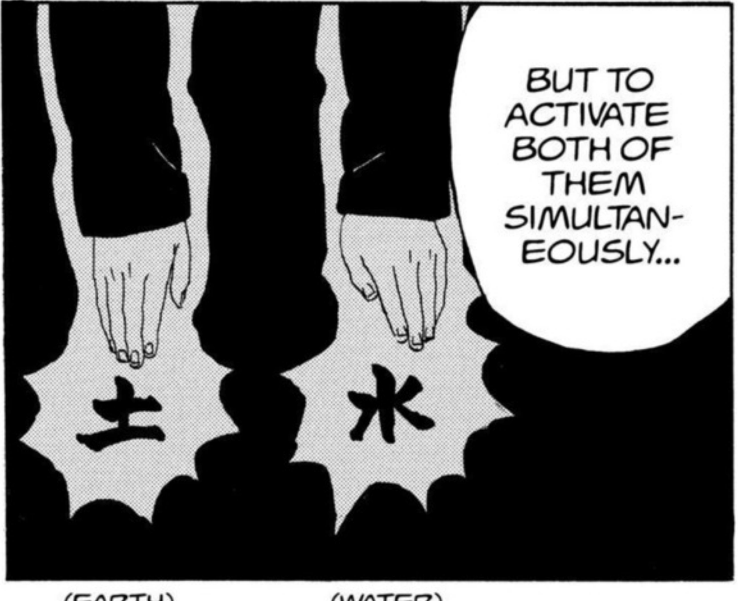

WATER WITH MY LEFT.


ZWOO...
ZWOO...


HRRRMMM...


SWEET...

WHEN ONE POSSESSES TWO CHAKRA NATURES...
...IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT TO USE EACH NATURE SEPARATELY.
SPURT


BUT TO ACTIVATE BOTH OF THEM SIMULTAN-EOUSLY...
土
水
(EARTH)
(WATER)


THIS ABILITY TO ACTIVATE TWO NATURES AT THE SAME TIME...
...AND CREATE AN ENTIRELY NEW CHAKRA NATURE...

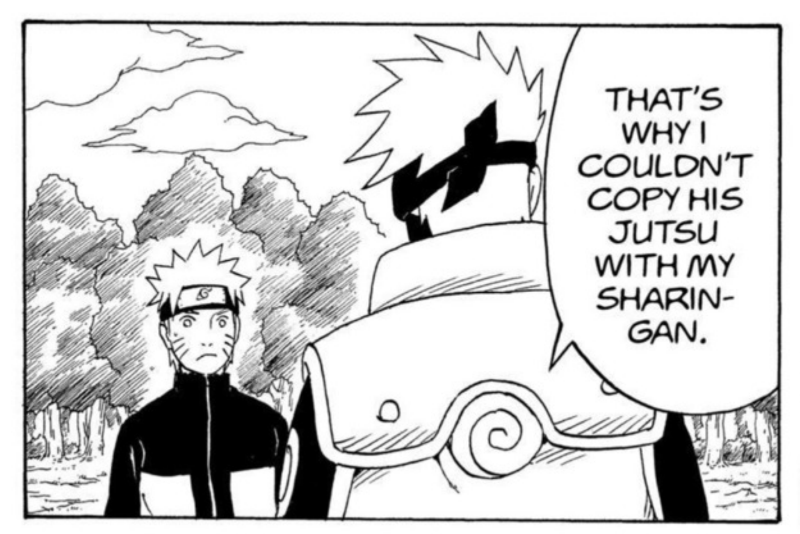

...IS KNOWN AS KEKKEI GENKAI.
YOU KNOW THAT PHRASE, RIGHT?


YEAH...


REMEMBER OUR FIGHT WITH HAKU?
HE HAD A KEKKEI GENKAI CALLED ***HYOTON***, OR ICE STYLE.

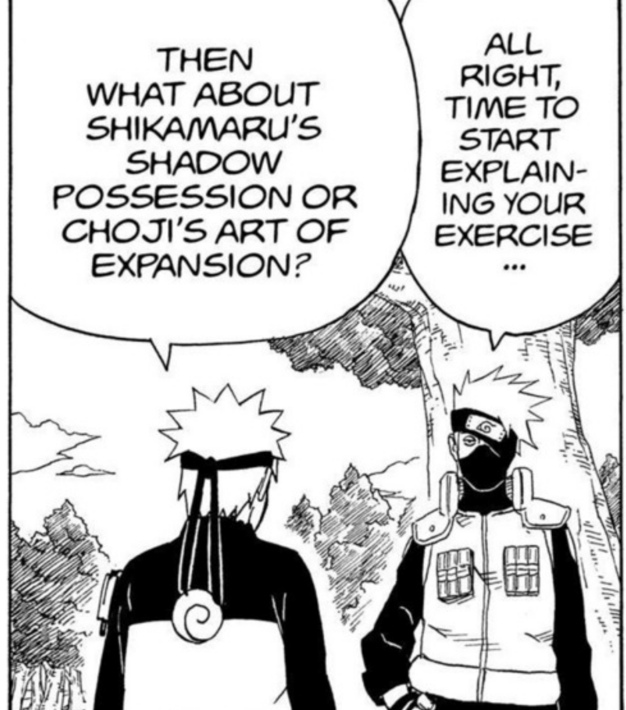

HE WAS ABLE TO MANIPULATE WIND AND WATER CHANGES IN CHAKRA NATURE SIMULTAN-EOUSLY TO CREATE ICE.
AND HE COULD PER-FORM SUCH A SPECIAL JUTSU BECAUSE HE WAS OF A KEKKEI GENKAI-BEARING CLAN.


HAKU, TOO ...?


THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T COPY HIS JUTSU WITH MY SHARIN-GAN.

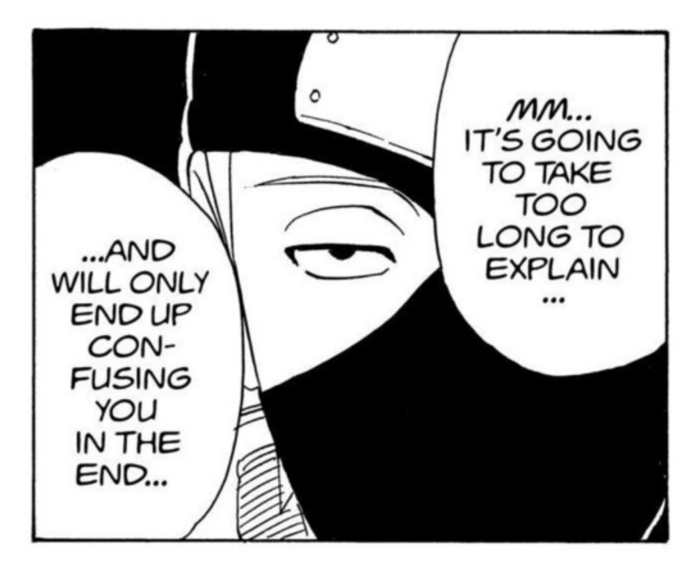

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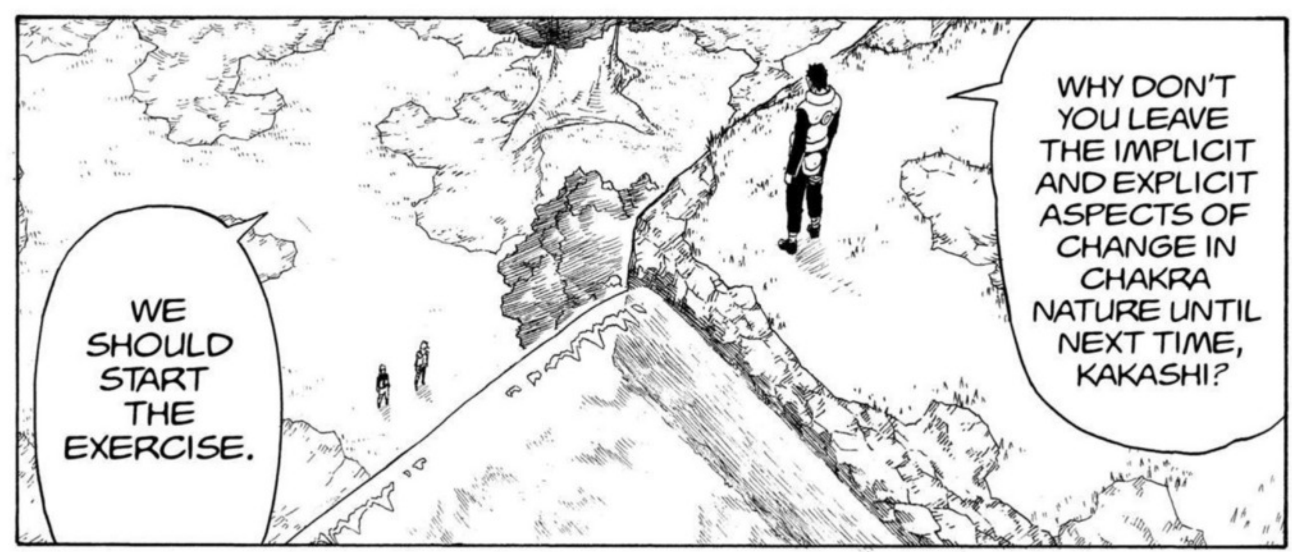

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ALL RIGHT, TIME TO START EXPLAINING YOUR EXERCISE ...
THEN WHAT ABOUT SHIKAMARU'S SHADOW POSSESSION OR CHOJI'S ART OF EXPANSION?


...


AND HOW DO MEDICAL NINJUTSU AND GENJUTSU WORK?


MM... IT'S GOING TO TAKE TOO LONG TO EXPLAIN ...
...AND WILL ONLY END UP CONFUSING YOU IN THE END...


WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE THE IMPLICIT AND EXPLICIT ASPECTS OF CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE UNTIL NEXT TIME, KAKASHI?
WE SHOULD START THE EXERCISE.


...
YUP.

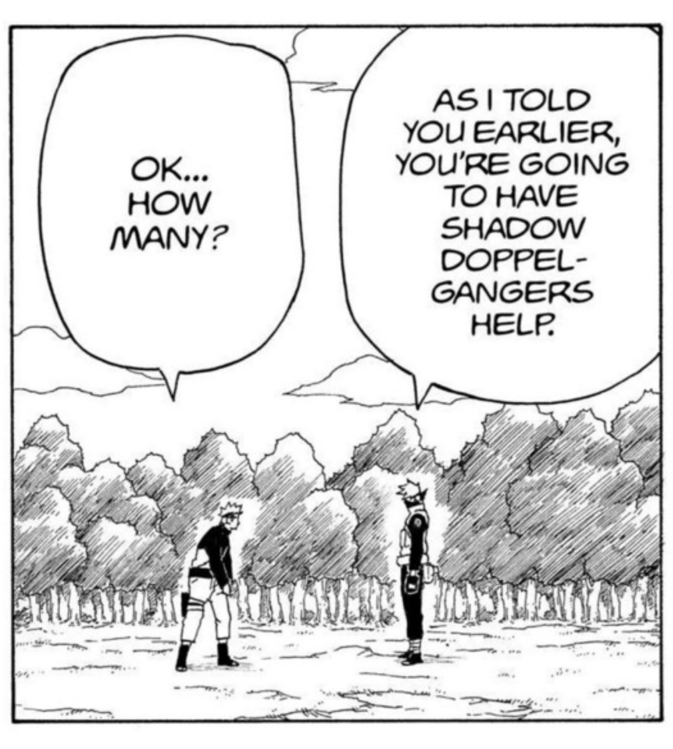

ALL RIGHT! LET'S BEGIN.
FIRST, WE'RE GOING TO PRACTICE MAKING YOUR CHAKRA'S CHANGE OF NATURE STRONGER.


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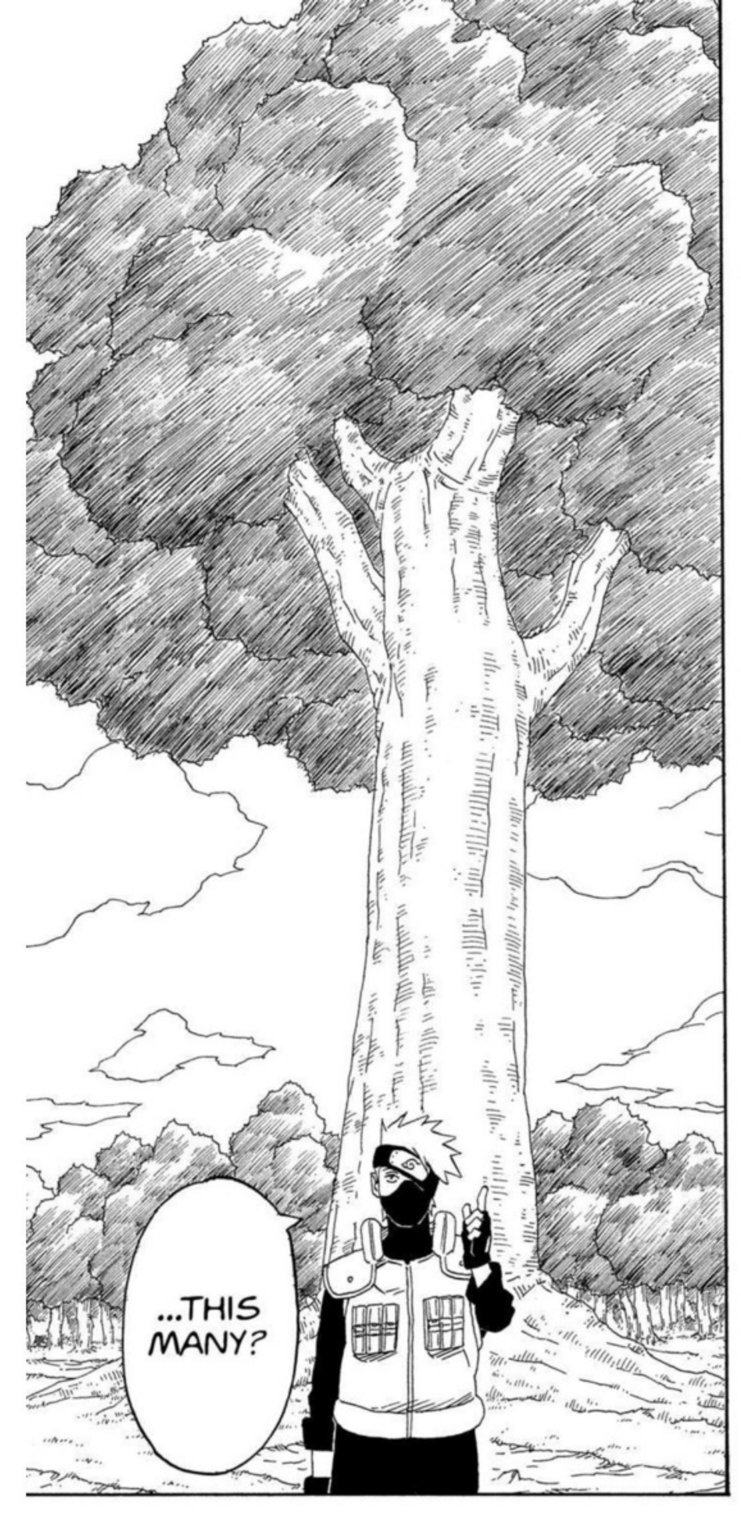

RIGHT! STRONGER! HOW...?

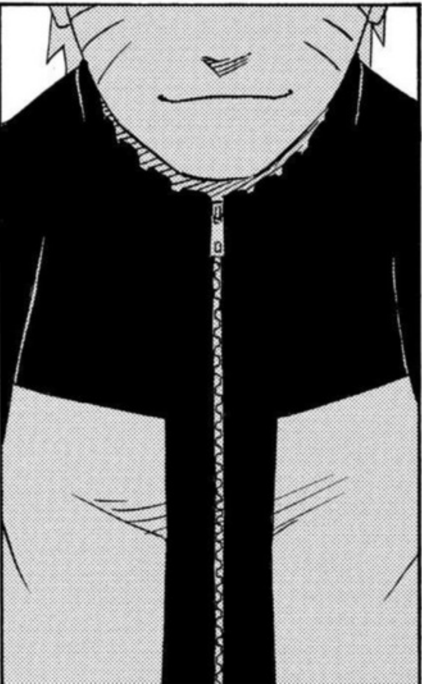

YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD A LEAF BETWEEN YOUR PALMS AND USING JUST YOUR CHAKRA...
...TEAR IT COM-PLETELY IN TWO.


EASY!

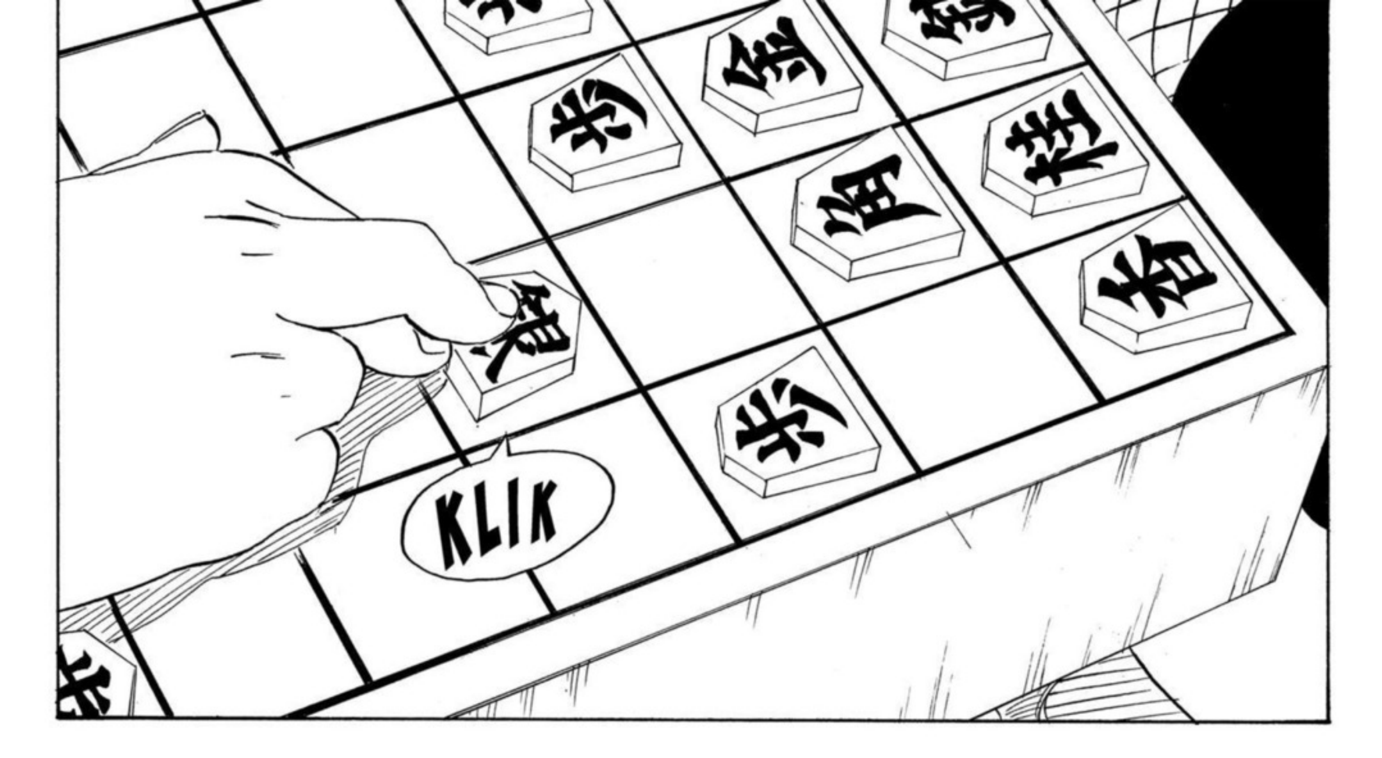

AS I TOLD YOU EARLIER, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS HELP.
OK... HOW MANY?

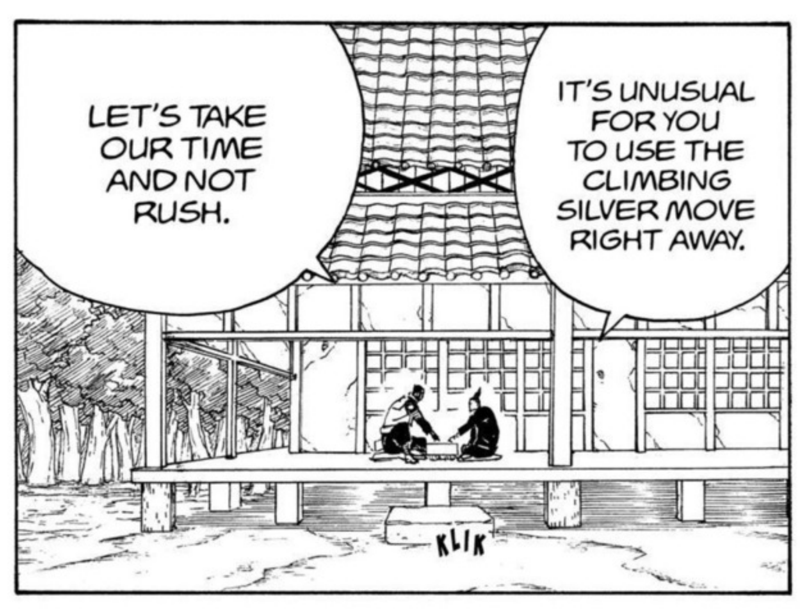

WELL...
...AT ONE LEAF PER CLONE...
JAB


...THIS MANY?




FWP
KAGE-BUNSHIN NO JUTSU! ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER!!


KLIK


IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO USE THE CLIMBING SILVER MOVE RIGHT AWAY.
LET'S TAKE OUR TIME AND NOT RUSH.
KLIK


IT'S ACTING AS THE INFIL-TRATION OF THE ENEMY CAMP.
YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SUCH PLAYS AT TIMES.


I THOUGHT YOU HATED MOVES LIKE THIS?
JUST LIKE ME...


AGAINST A SUPERIOR OPPONENT, ONE MUST MAKE SOME SACRIFICES ...
...IN ORDER TO PROTECT ONE'S KING.

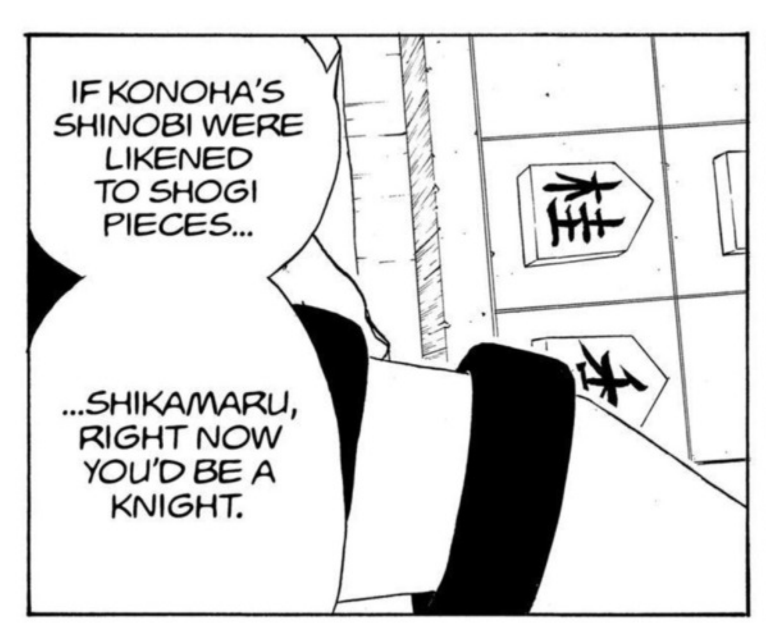

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WHAT'S GOING ON?


NOTH-ING REALLY.
IT'S JUST THAT I'M FINALLY...
...START-ING TO REALIZE THE VALUE OF THE KING.
HOOO...


WELL, ONE LOSES IF ONE'S KING IS TAKEN...
...SO...


IF KONOHA'S SHINOBI WERE LIKENED TO SHOGI PIECES...
...SHIKAMARU, RIGHT NOW YOU'D BE A KNIGHT.


...
HOW SO?

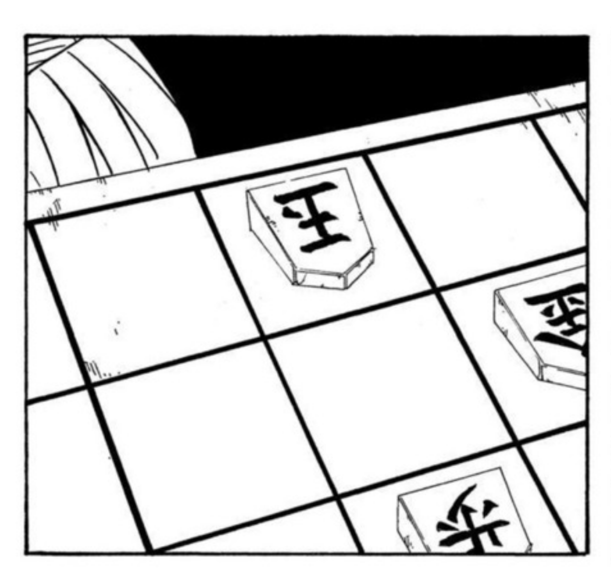

KNIGHTS MAY BE WEAK, BUT THEY CAN ADVANCE BY LEAPING OVER OTHER PIECES. SUCH UNIQUE MOVEMENT ...
...IS SIMILAR TO YOUR QUICK WIT AND UN-PREDICT-ABLE MIND.


WHAT ABOUT YOU?


...


A SACRI-FICIAL PIECE, HUH...
KLIK


KLIK
I'M NOTHING SPECIAL, JUST...
歩
角
金
香
桂
銀


王

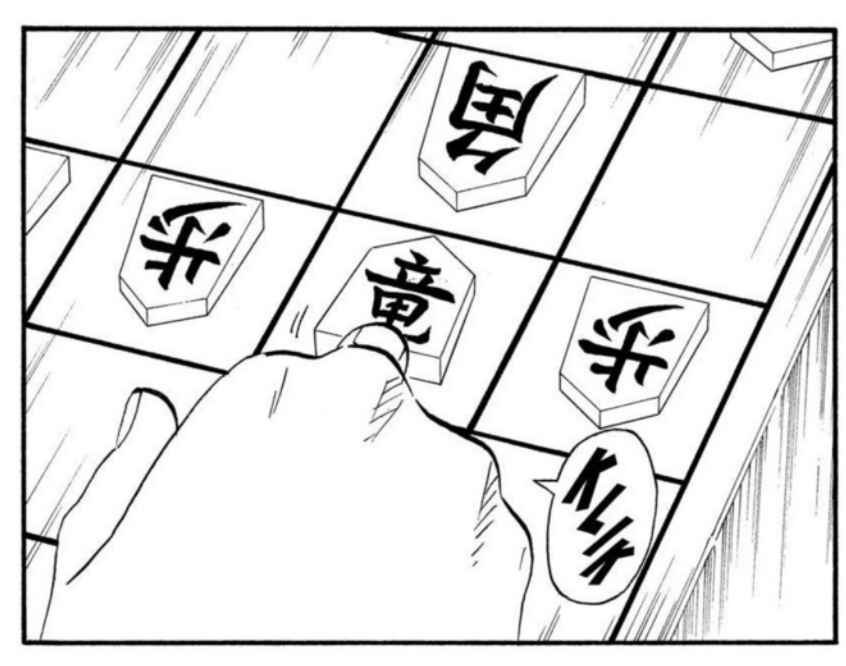

THEN...
...DO YOU KNOW WHO THE KING IS?


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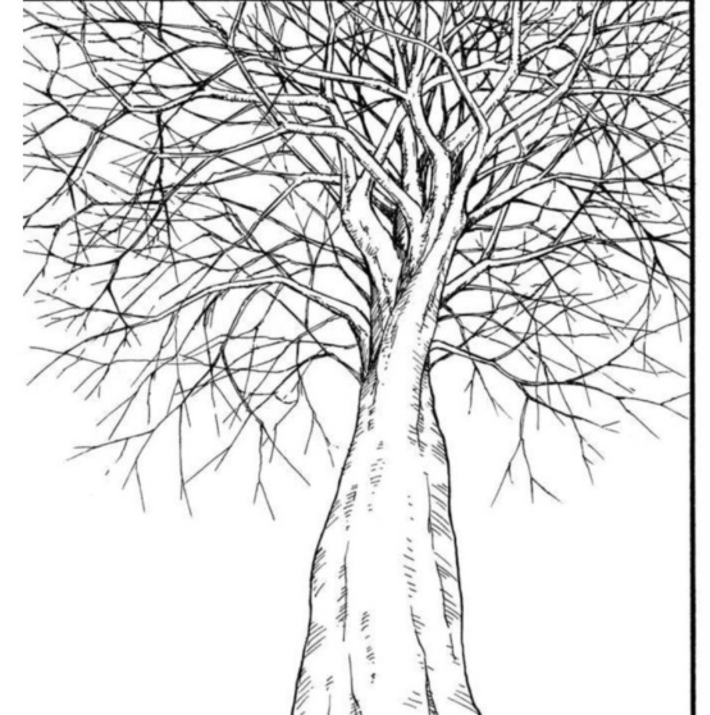

...
ISN'T IT THE HOKAGE?


...I USED TO THINK SO TOO.
BUT IT ACTUALLY ISN'T...


THEN WHO ...?


KLIK

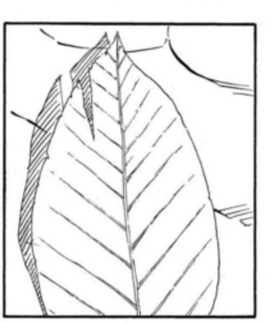

WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU'LL KNOW.



GRRRRR R!!


!


FFT




HE'S ALREADY STARTING TO GET TEARS...
...THIS MIGHT GO QUICKLY AFTER ALL.
Make-Out PARADISE



火
風
雷
土
水

Number 317: Nightmares!!

SPLATTER





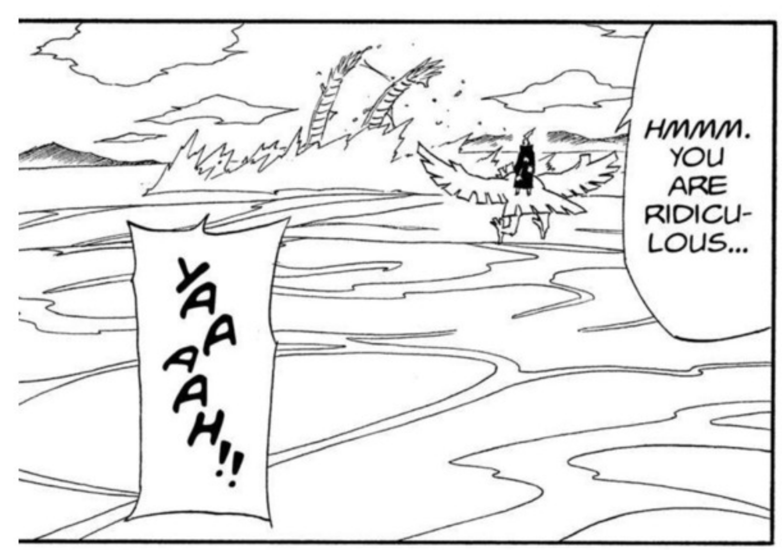


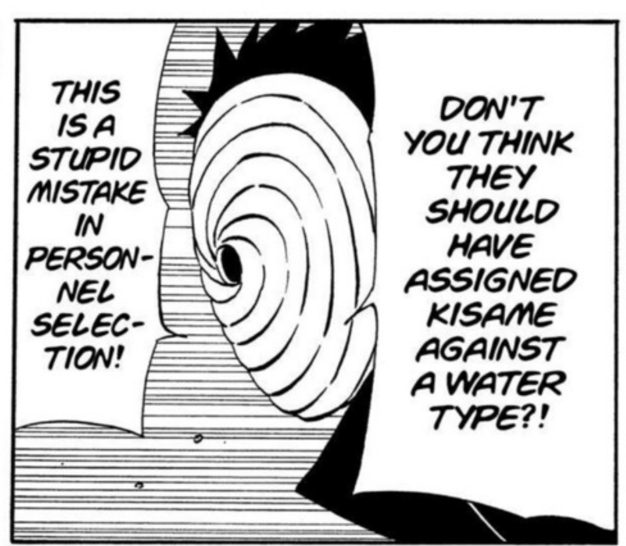



Number 317: Nightmares!!



YAAAH, HE'S COMING AFTER ME!!
VOOOOSH













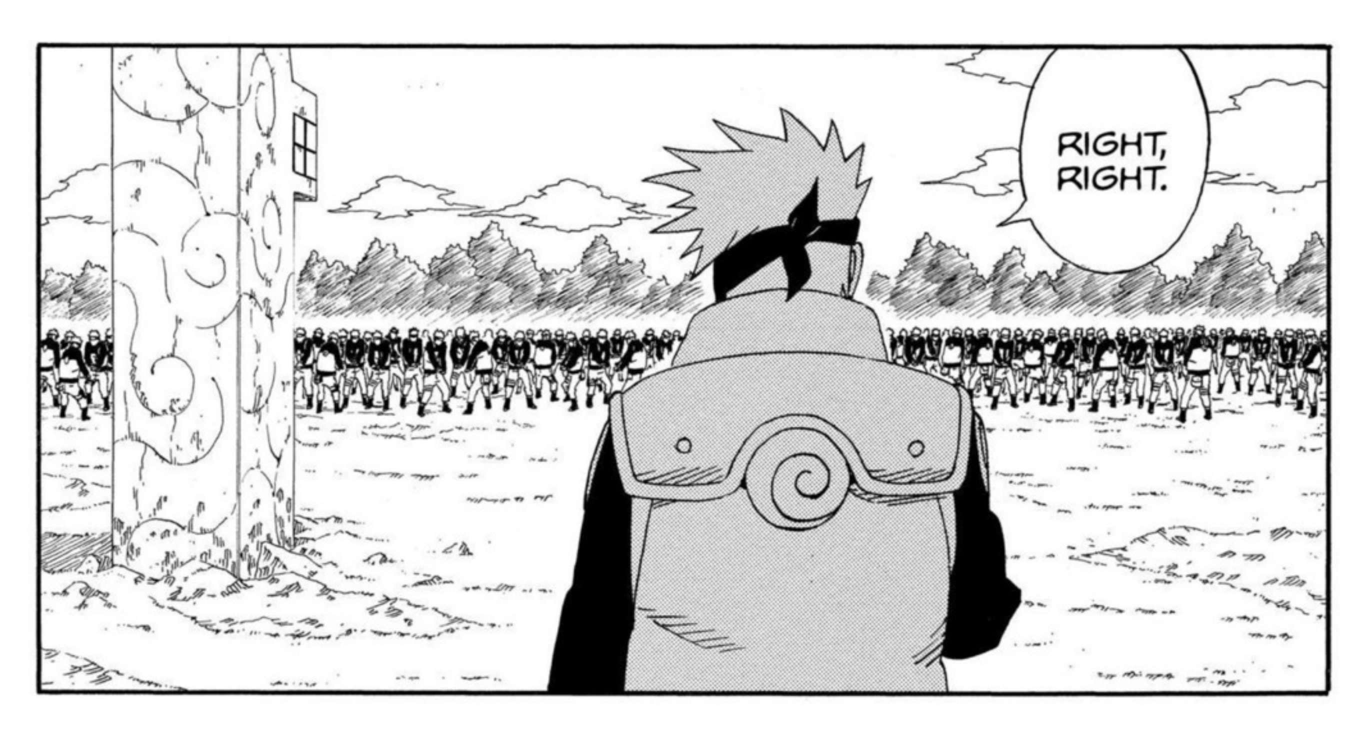
SPLASH
HSOOOW
SPLOOSH
YAAAH!
SWISH
YEEAAGH!


THOOOM


座
(SIT)


WELL? ARE YOU ABLE TO CONTROL THE NINE TAILS' CHAKRA EASILY...
... TENZO?


NO PROBLEMS SO FAR.
BUT PLEASE, I'M YAMATO RIGHT NOW, REMEMBER?


RIGHT, RIGHT.


HUF
HUF


YES!
I'M GETTING SOMEWHERE!


READ
THIS
WAY


GAH!
I'M NOT GETTING ANYWHERE YET!


HEH HEH, I'M BETTER THAN YOU ARE!
BUT YOU'RE ME.


YES!

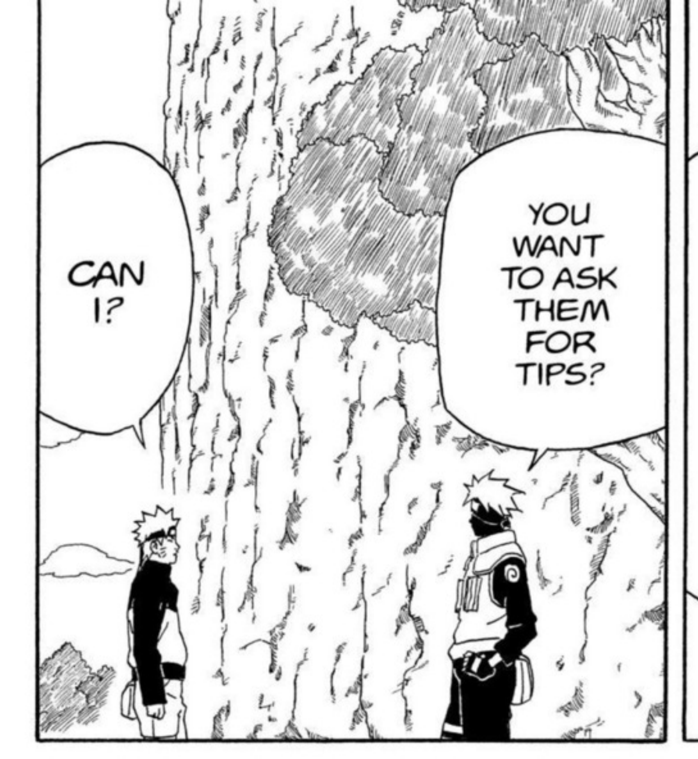

HEH HEH HEH ...


GAH...
...THAT ONE OF ME IS PRETTY GOOD.


!
Make-Out
ke-Out
RADISE


HOLD ON, MASTER KAKASHI. I HAVE A QUESTION ...


ISN'T THERE ANYONE ELSE IN KONOHA THAT HAS A WIND NATURE?


YOU WANT TO ASK THEM FOR TIPS?
CAN I?


...THERE IS ONE IN PARTICULAR.
HE'S PROBABLY PLAYING SHOGI RIGHT NOW...


CHECK-MATE.


ARGH! LOST AGAIN!

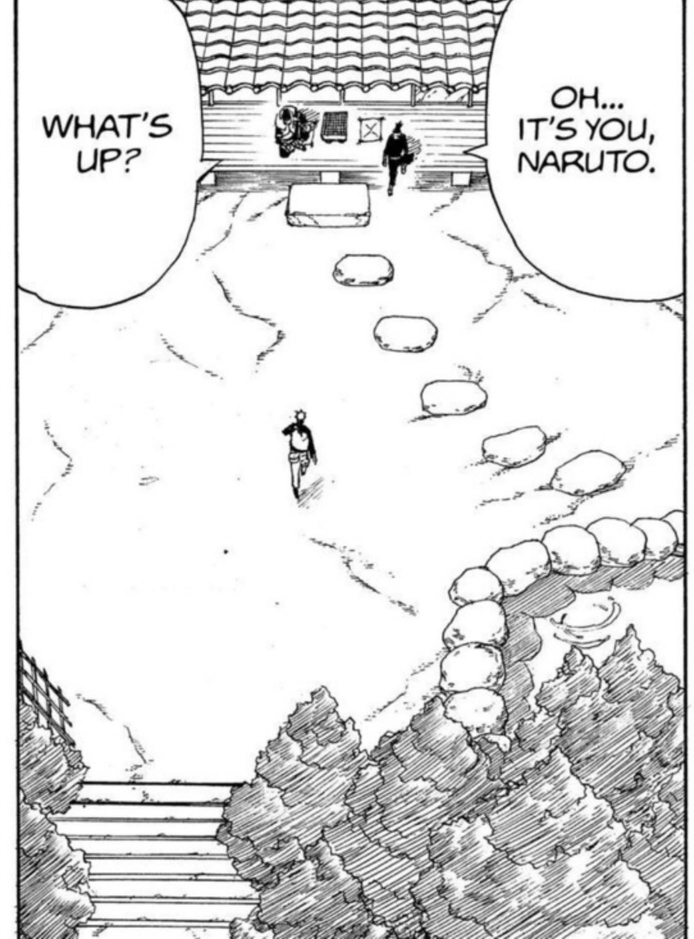

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE TREATING US TO THE DINNER AND PARTY...
...AFTER OUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT, MASTER.


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OH, ALL RIGHT ...
MASTER ASUMA!


YO!
TROT


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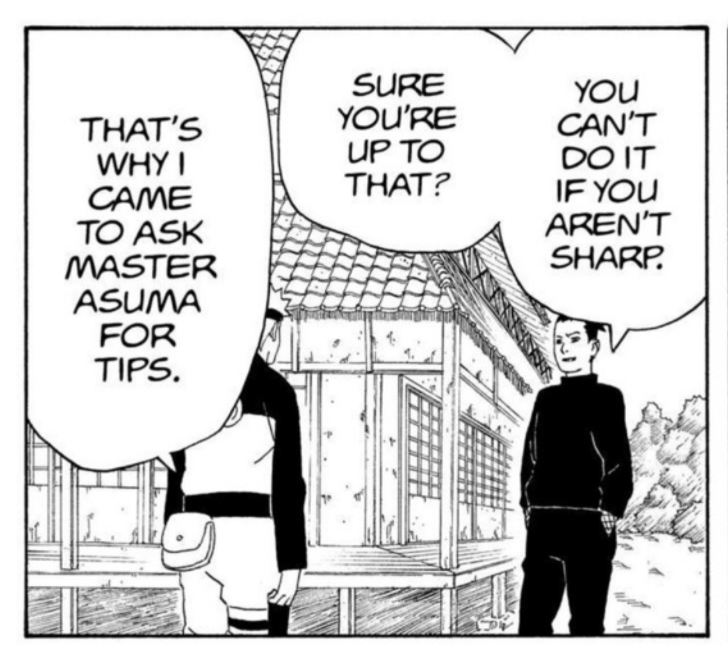

OH... IT'S YOU, NARUTO.
WHAT'S UP?


ACTU-ALLY...
...I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOME-THING.


KLUNK


TRICKS FOR MASTERING WIND CHANGE CHAKRA IN NATURE, EH...
YEAH!


YOU'RE DOING CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE DRILLS?
YUP!

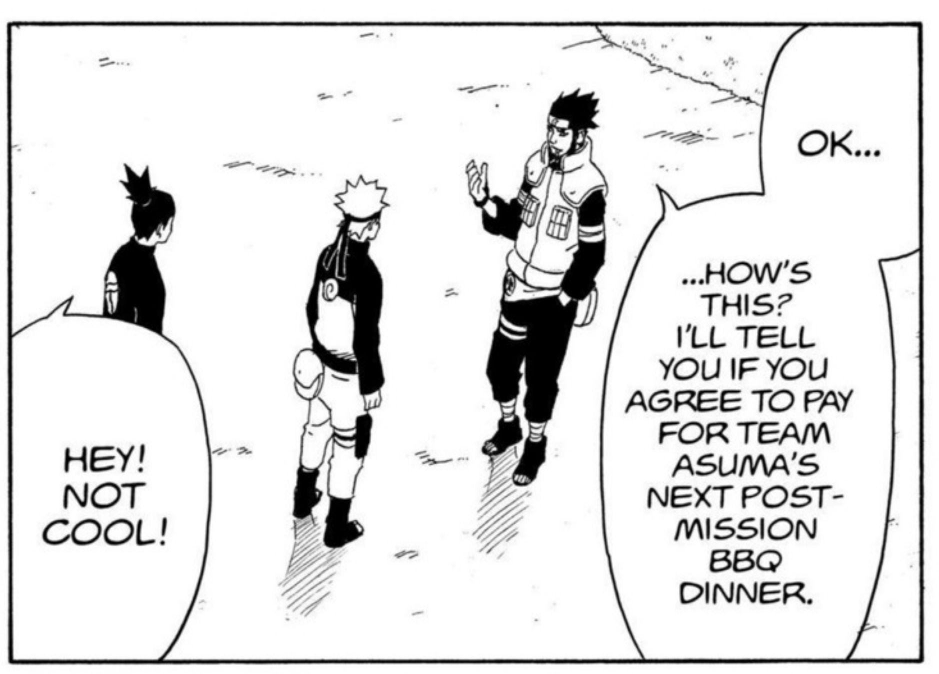

YOU CAN'T DO IT IF YOU AREN'T SHARP.
SURE YOU'RE UP TO THAT?
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO ASK MASTER ASUMA FOR TIPS.


...SO YOU HAVE WIND CHAKRA NATURE, HUH...
WELL, I'LL BE.


SO WILL YOU HELP ME OR NOT?


...

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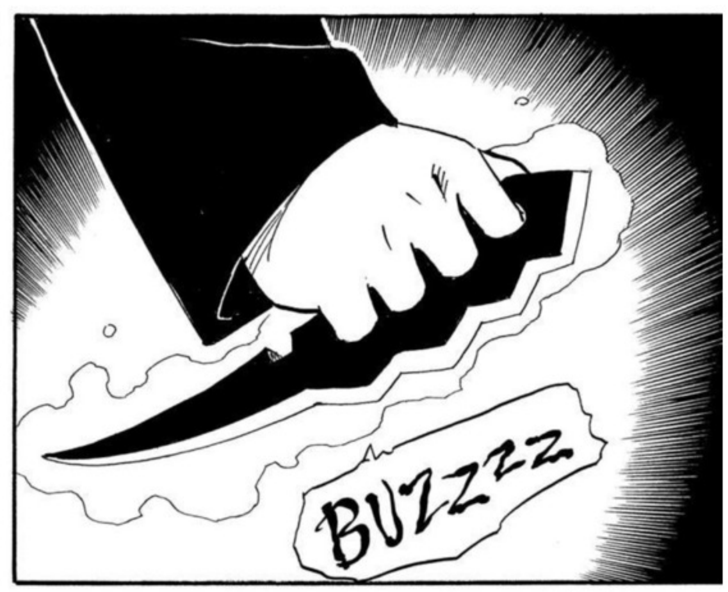



THESE ARE MY CHAKRA BLADES.
BUZZZ
THEY ARE FORGED FROM A SPECIAL METAL THAT CAN ABSORB THE BEARER'S CHAKRA NATURE.


TAKE ONE.
FFT
...


NOW TRY SENDING YOUR CHAKRA INTO THE BLADE.
NO PROB-LEM.


UNH!
CLENCH


BUZZZZ


MY CHAKRA LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM MASTER ASUMA'S.


READ
THIS
WAY


IN ORDER TO ACTIVATE A WIND CHANGE IN NATURE, YOU HAVE TO IMAGINE SPLITTING YOUR CHAKRA INTO TWO...
...AND GRINDING THEM AGAINST EACH OTHER...


...AS IF YOU'RE FINELY SHARPENING THE BLADE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS.


... SHARP-ENING THE BLADE, HUH...

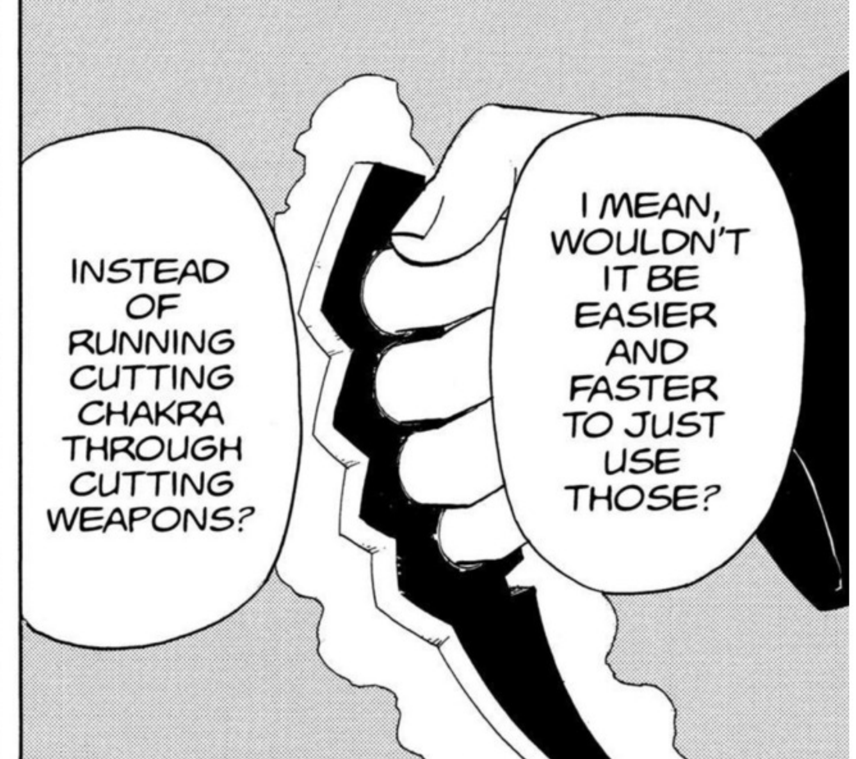

THAT'S RIGHT.
FINELY AND SHARPLY. THAT'S THE TRICK.


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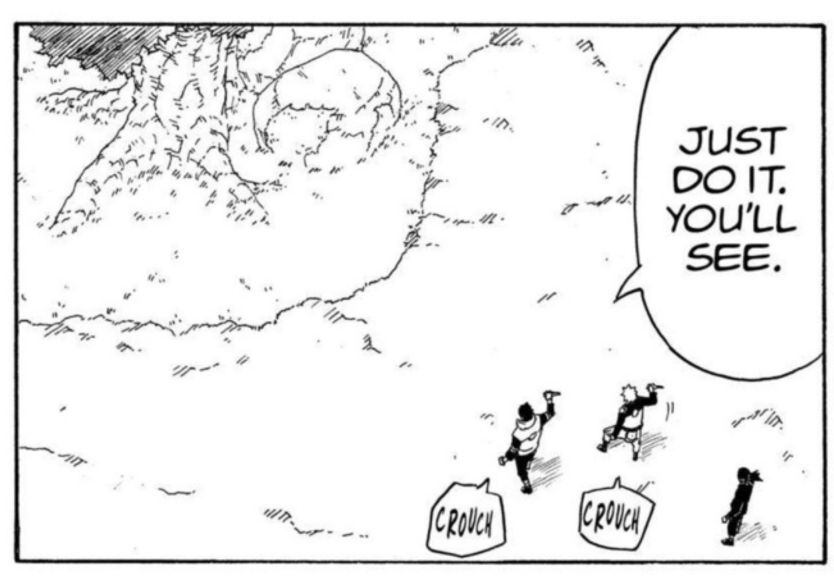

Y'KNOW...
...I WAS JUST THINK-ING...
YES...?

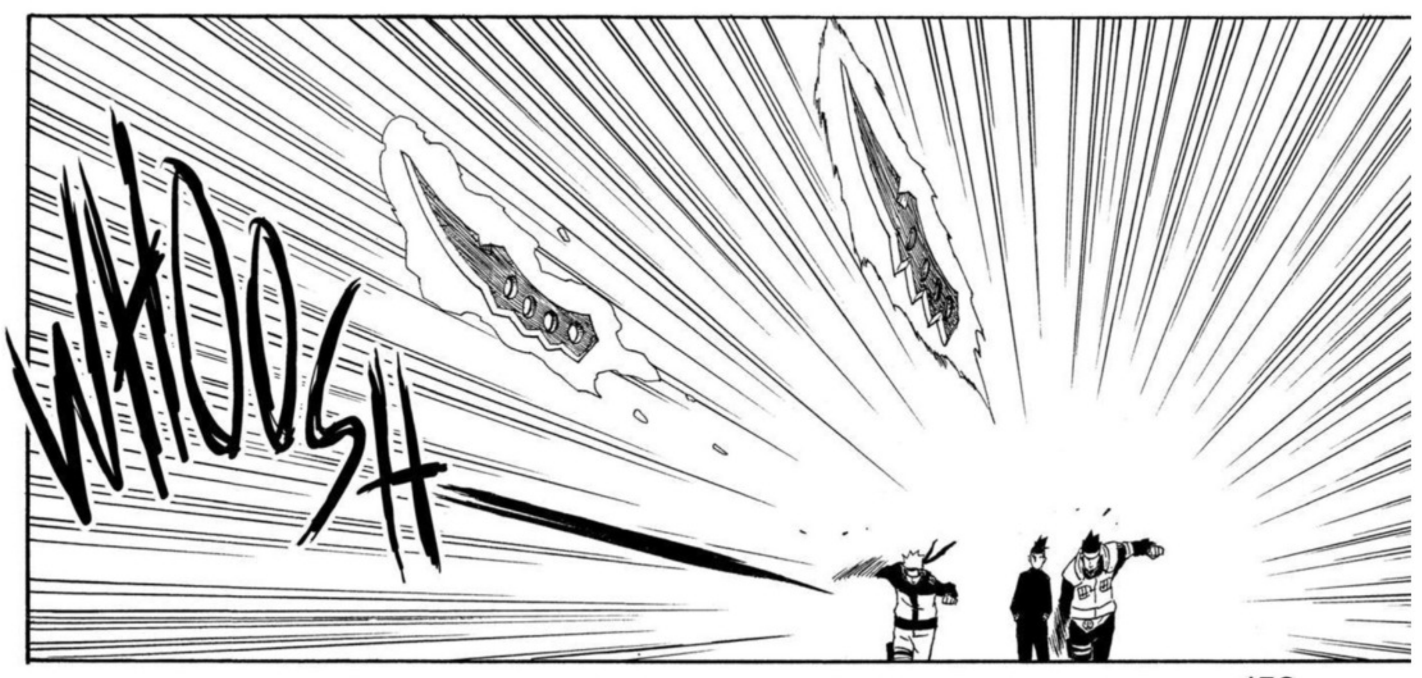

WHAT'S THE POINT OF USING THE WIND CHANGE IN NATURE ...
...WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE SHARP-EDGED NINJA TOOLS TO BEGIN WITH?


ALL RIGHT.
LET'S YOU AND ME TRY THROWING THESE CHAKRA BLADES AT THAT TREE OVER THERE, OK?

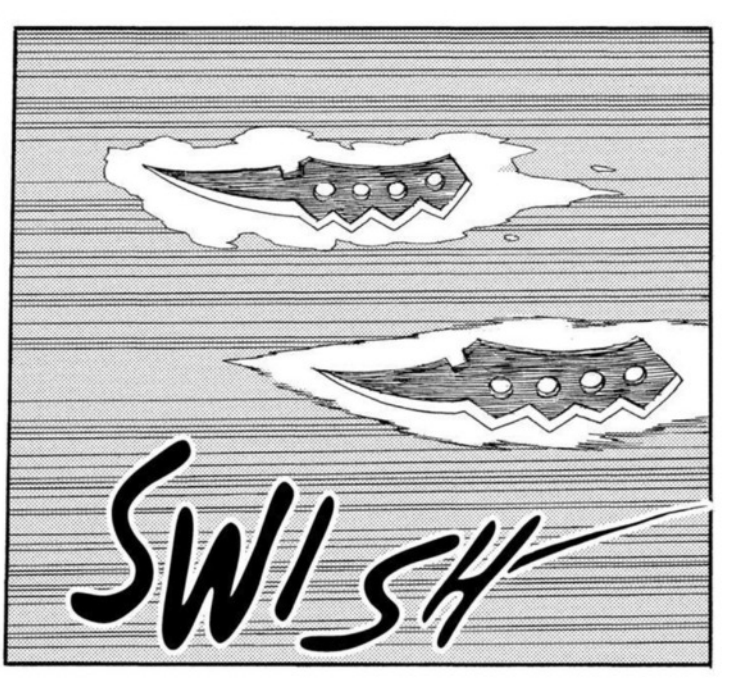

I MEAN, WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER AND FASTER TO JUST USE THOSE?
INSTEAD OF RUNNING CUTTING CHAKRA THROUGH CUTTING WEAPONS?

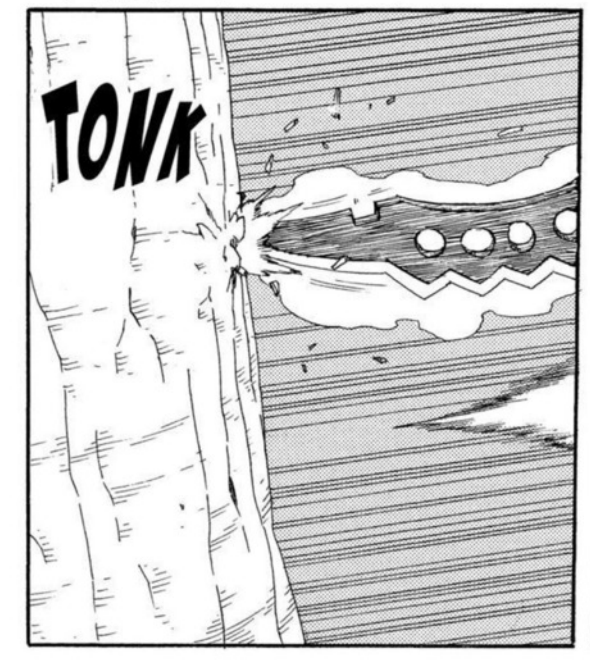

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WHY ...?


JUST DO IT. YOU'LL SEE.
CROUCH
CROUCH


WHOOSH





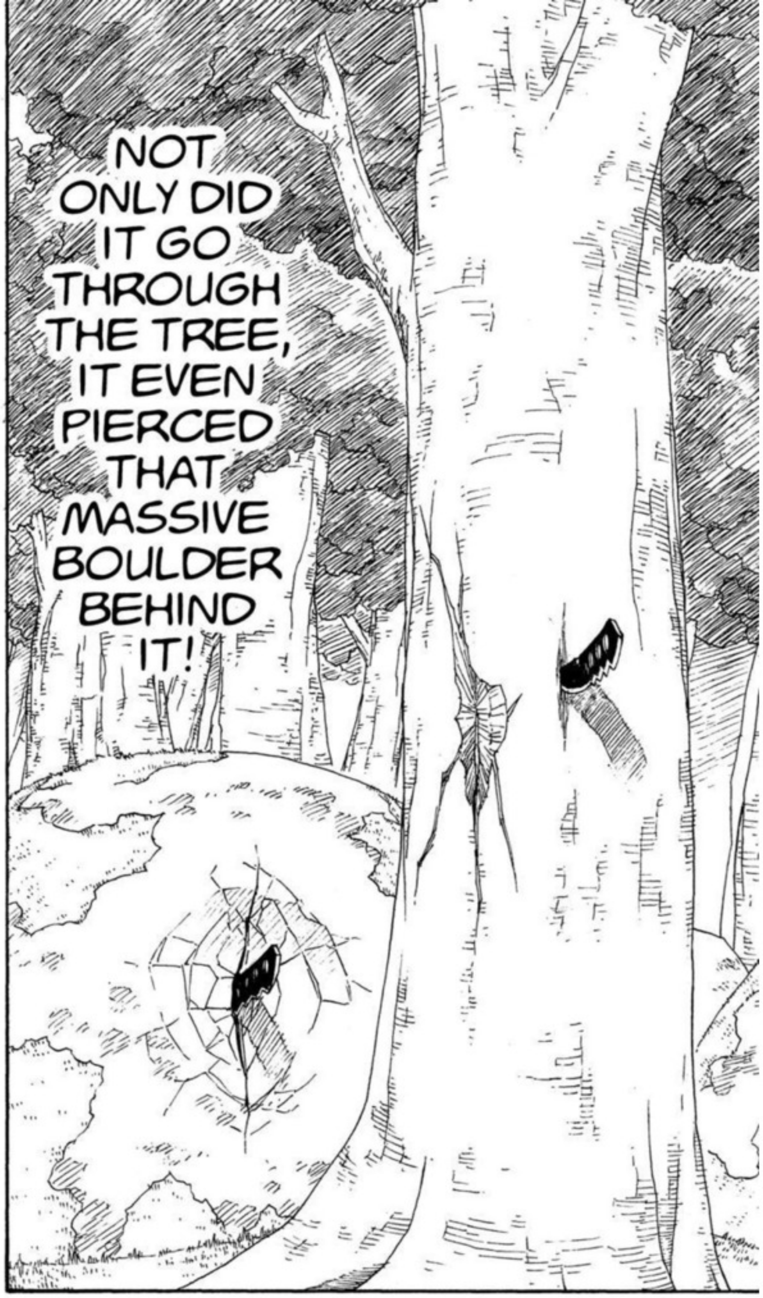


VOOSH

THOCK

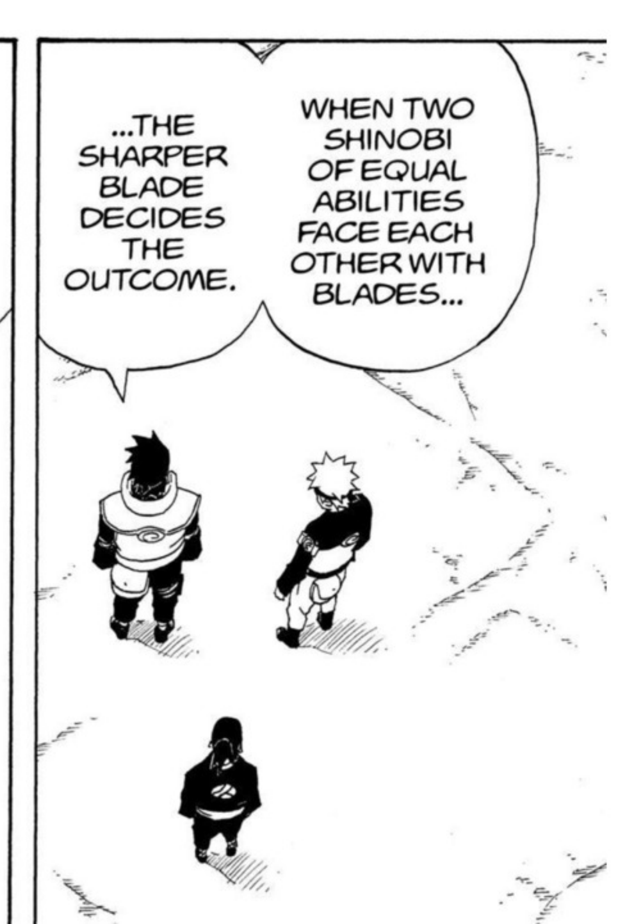
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...W-WHOA...


NOT ONLY DID IT GO THROUGH THE TREE, IT EVEN PIERCED THAT MASSIVE BOULDER BEHIND IT!


I ACTUALLY HELD BACK BECAUSE IT'S DANGER-OUS...
...BUT IF I WANTED IT TO, I COULD'VE MADE IT PASS COMPLETELY THROUGH THAT ROCK, TOO.

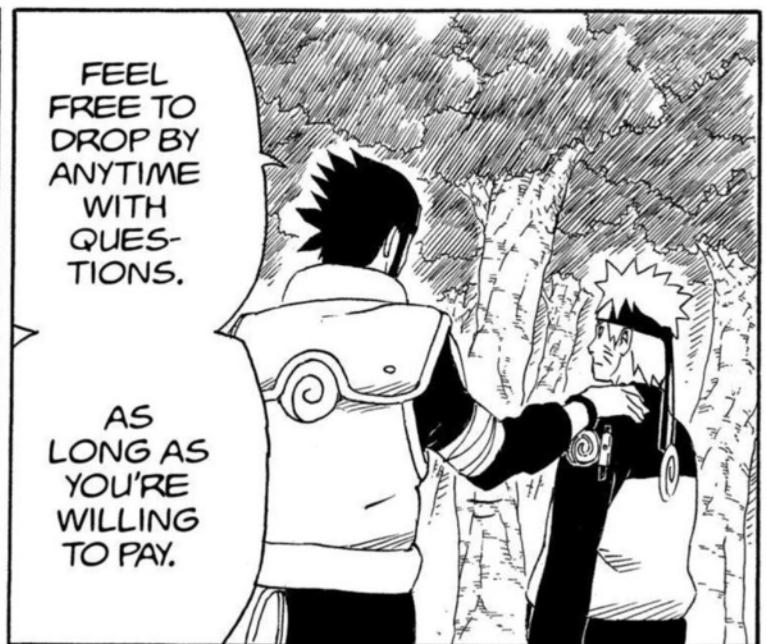

SERI-OUSLY?!


WHEN TWO SHINOBI OF EQUAL ABILITIES FACE EACH OTHER WITH BLADES...
...THE SHARPER BLADE DECIDES THE OUTCOME.

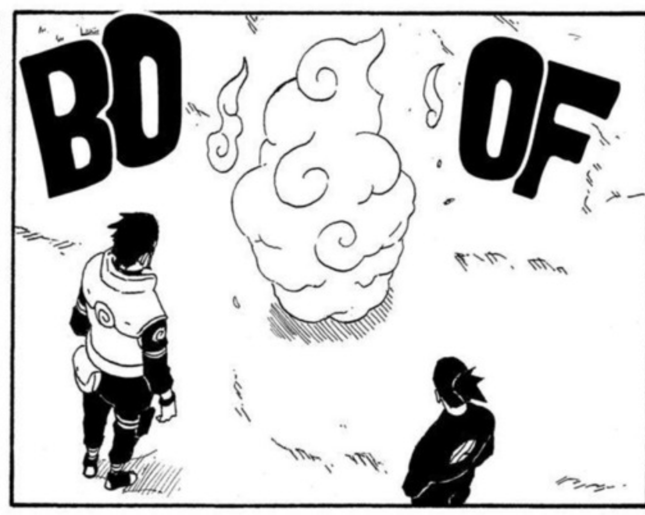

WIND CHANGE IN NATURE IS BEST SUITED FOR SHORT AND MIDDLE DISTANCE BATTLES.


YOU KNOW, THERE AREN'T THAT MANY WIND TYPES.

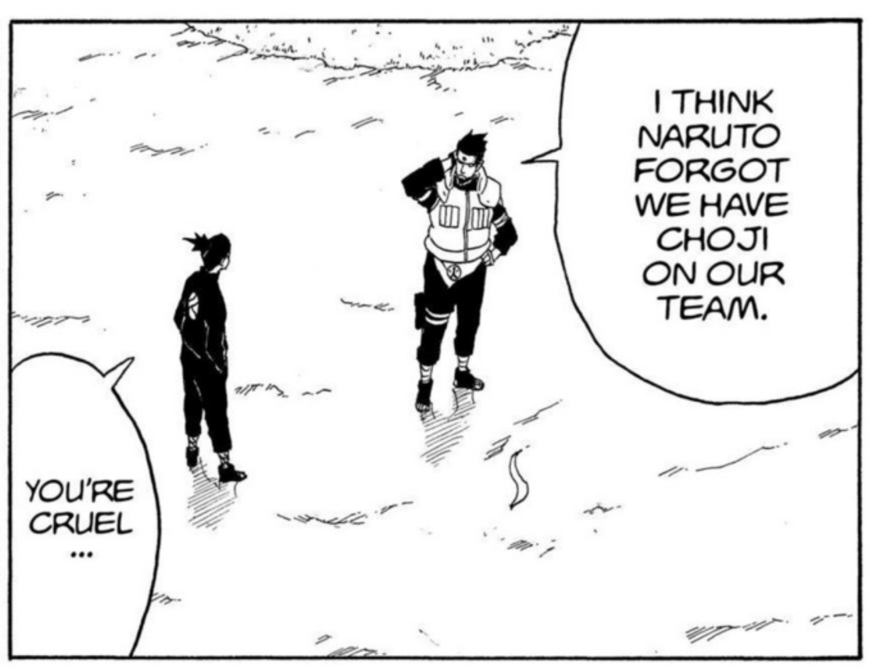

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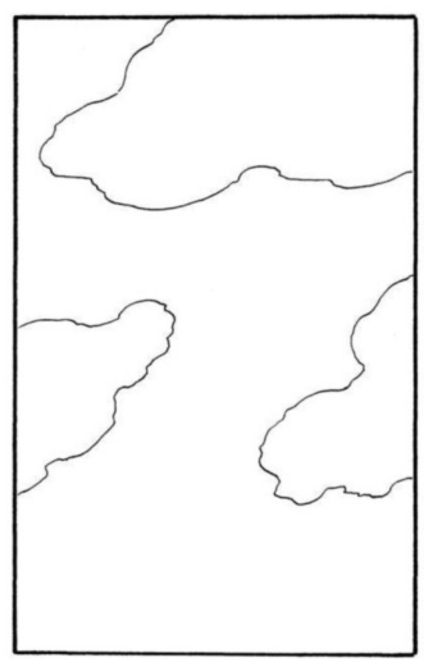

FEEL FREE TO DROP BY ANYTIME WITH QUES-TIONS.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY.


WILL DO!
THANKS!
FWP


BOOF


WHAT THE? THAT WAS A CLONE?

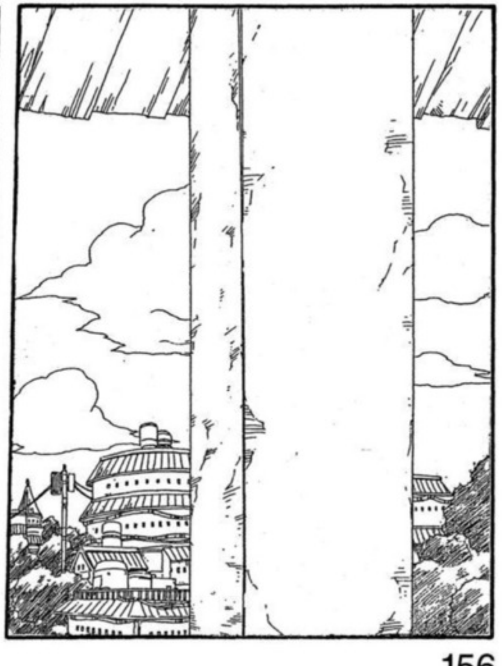

I THINK NARUTO FORGOT WE HAVE CHOJI ON OUR TEAM.
YOU'RE CRUEL ...




FLICKER...


OH, I SEE NOW!
ALL RIGHT!


IT SEEMS HE WAS ABLE GET SOME TIPS OUT OF ASUMA.
AND HE'S ALREADY MAKING GOOD USE OF THE ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER'S SPECIAL TRAIT, TOO.
Make-Out PARADISE



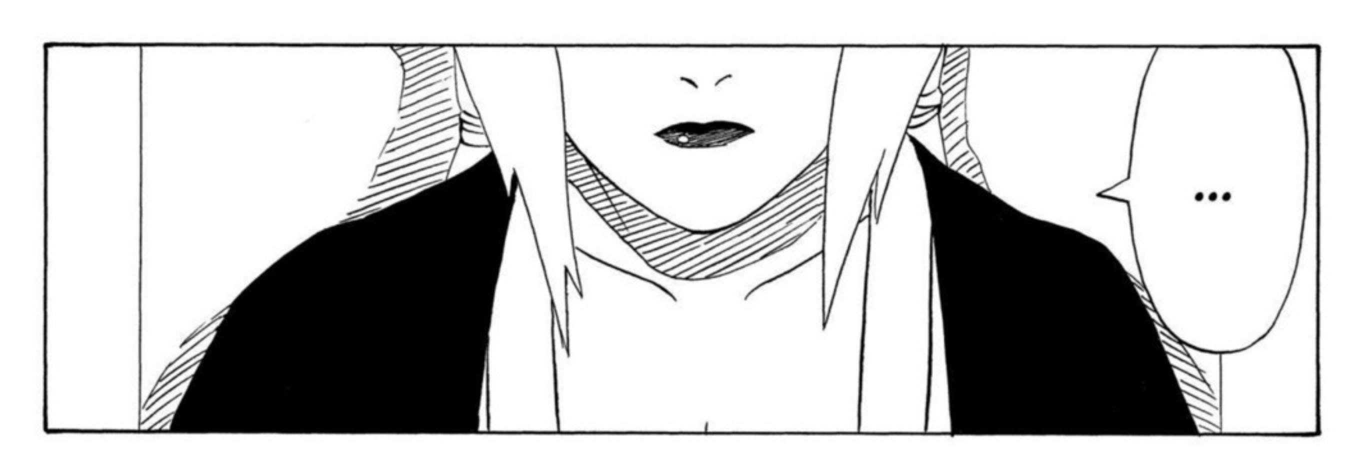

I SEE...
EVEN MIGHTY CHIRIKU.

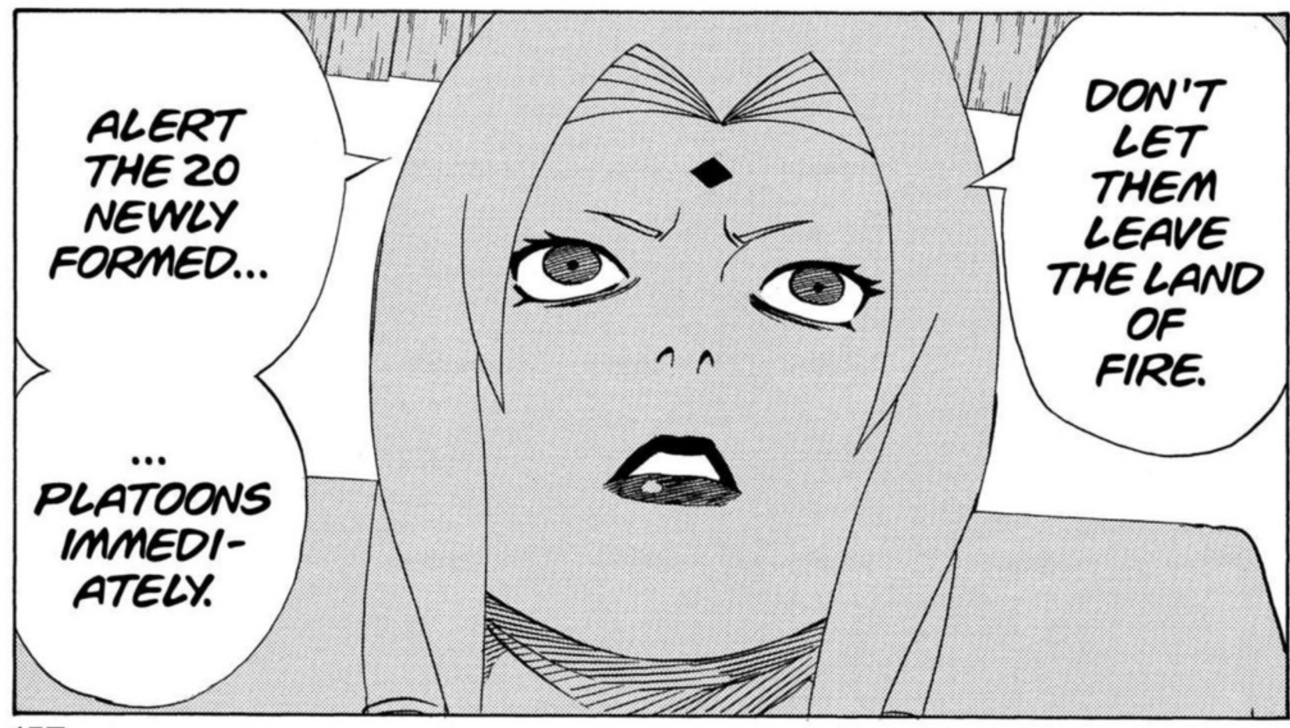
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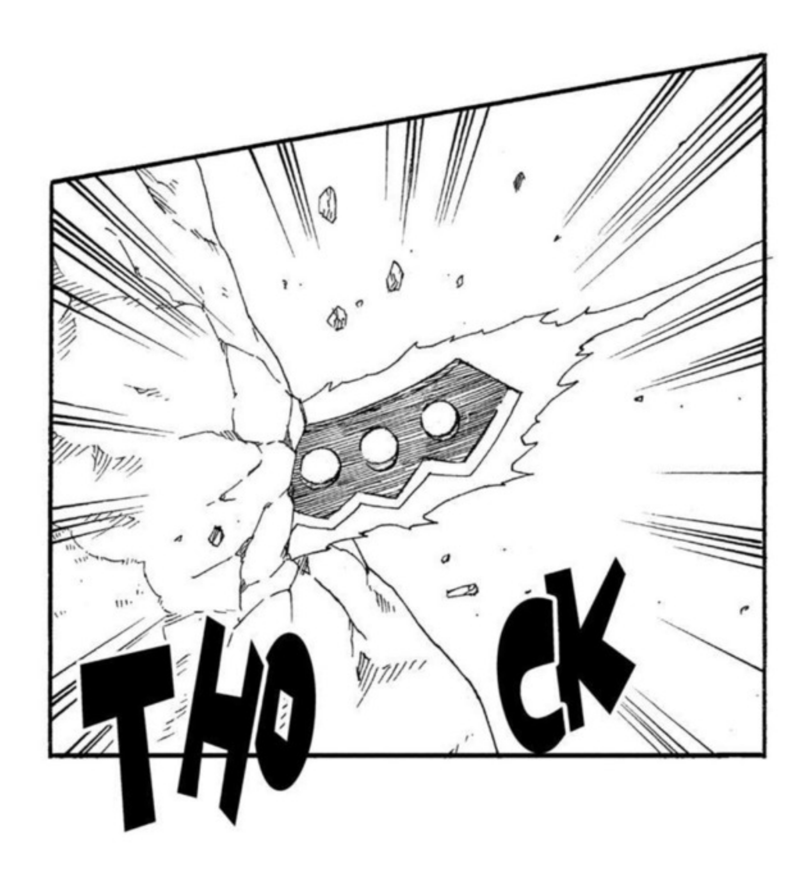

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I HAPPENED TO BE OUT ON PERIMETER PATROL...
...WHEN I RETURNED, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE...


THEY'RE PROBABLY GOING ALL AROUND THE LAND OF FIRE TO PLACES WHERE...
...JINCHÛRIKI HOSTS ARE LIKELY TO BE, ON A HUNT...
THEY'RE FINALLY ON THE MOVE AGAIN.

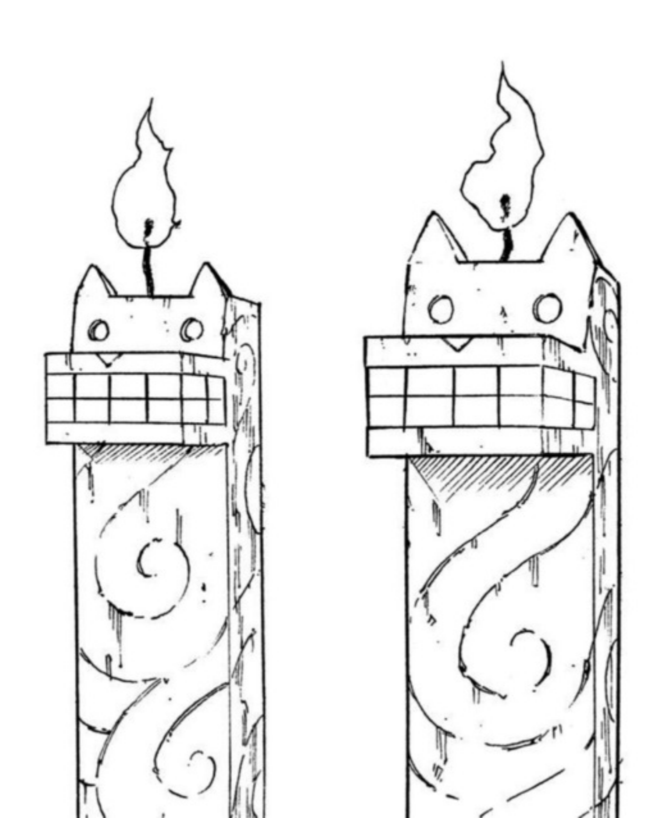

...


DON'T LET THEM LEAVE THE LAND OF FIRE.
ALERT THE 20 NEWLY FORMED...
... PLATOONS IMMEDI-ATELY.


THO CK

Number 318: Smooth Training






READ
THIS
WAY


ALL RIGHT! NOW LET'S LOG YOUR CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCES INTO YOUR MEMORY BANK.
RELEASE THE JUTSU WHILE REFLECTING ON THE EXERCISE.
Make-Out PARADISE

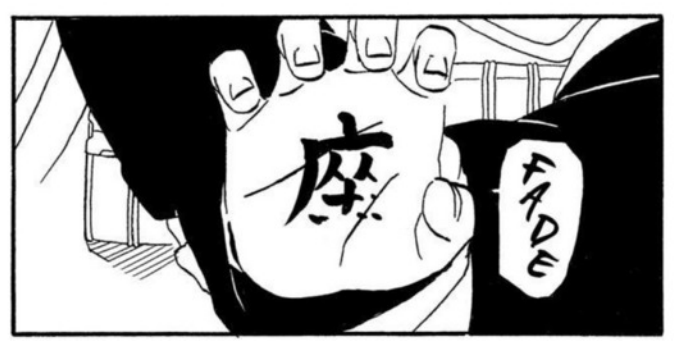

...!


YES, SIR!


BOOF BOOF BOOF

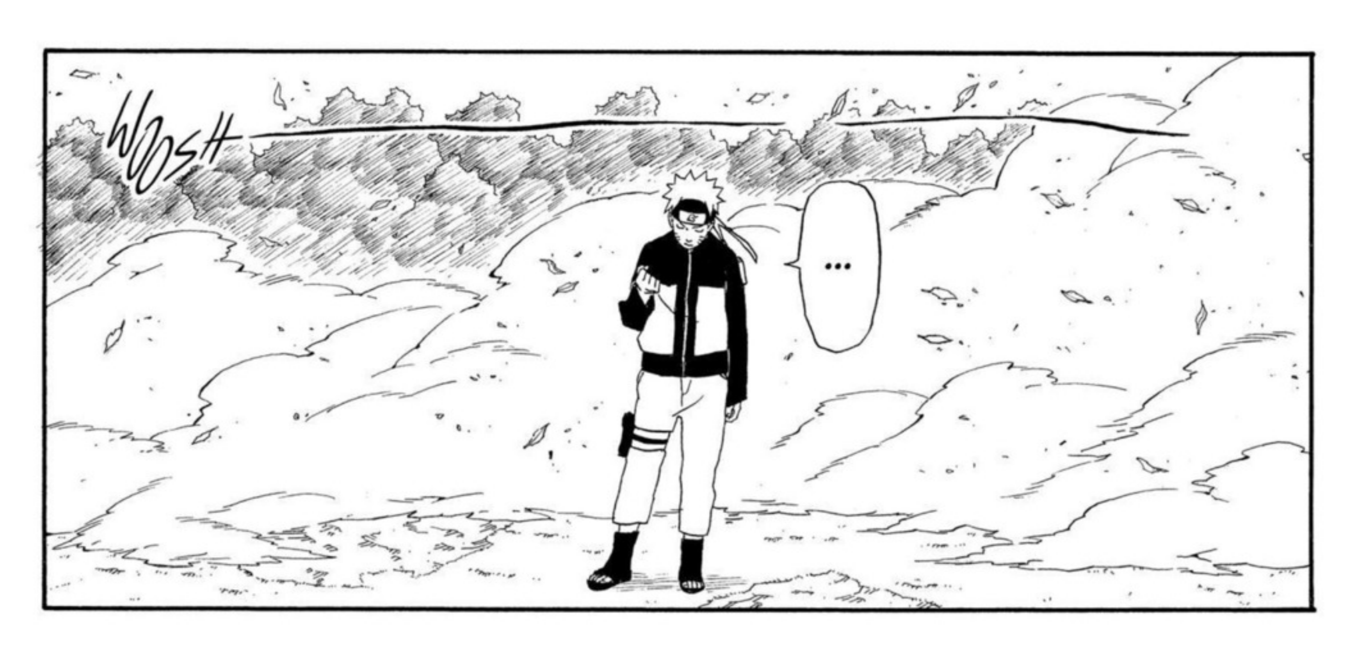

PHEW...


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FADE


FADE


PHEW
...


WOOSH
...


...



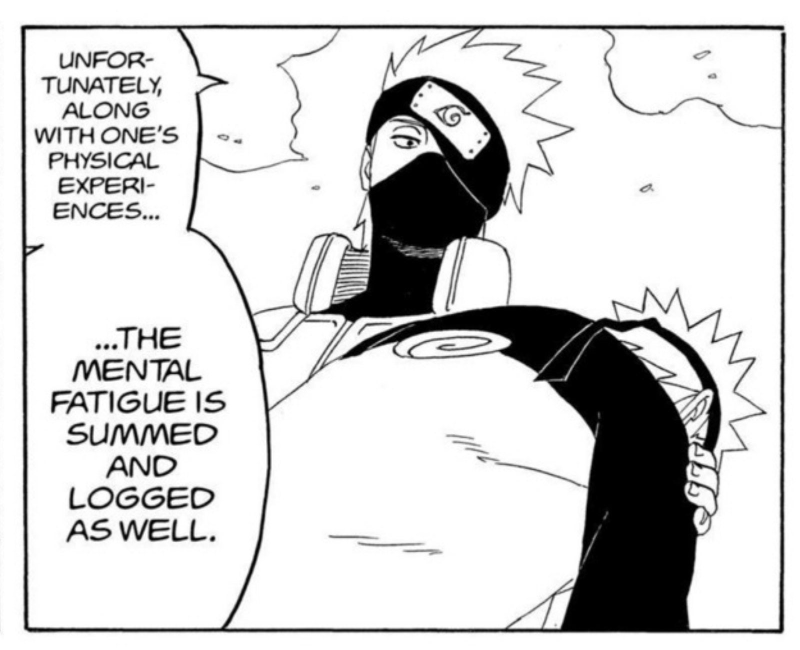

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I CAN DO THIS.
I THINK I'M REALLY CLOSE ...

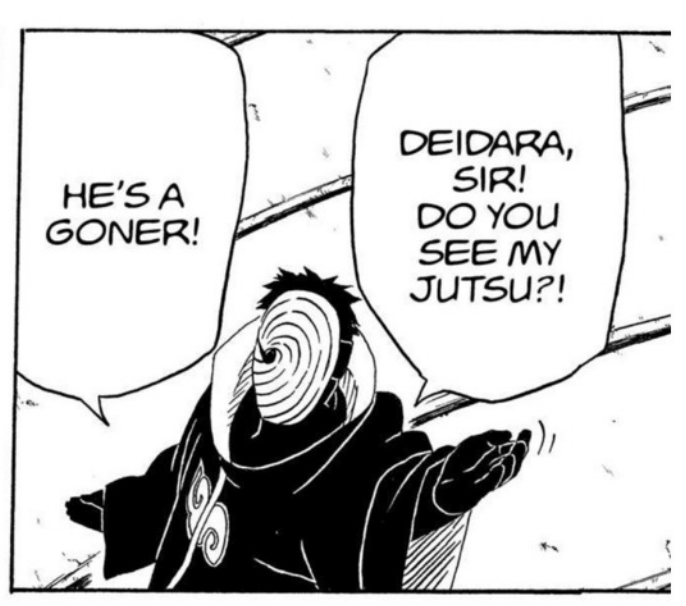

FLUTTER
UNNH


SHUP
TUMP

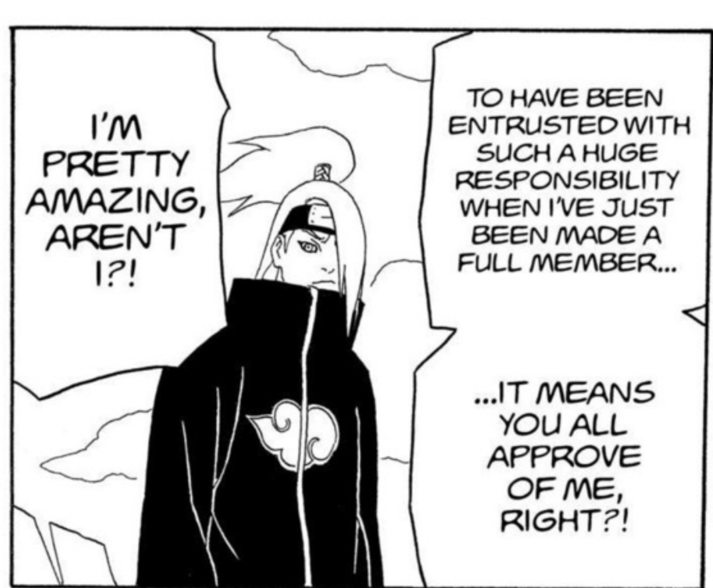

UNFOR-TUNATELY, ALONG WITH ONE'S PHYSICAL EXPERI-ENCES...
...THE MENTAL FATIGUE IS SUMMED AND LOGGED AS WELL.


SPLOO—SH

YAAAAAY!!



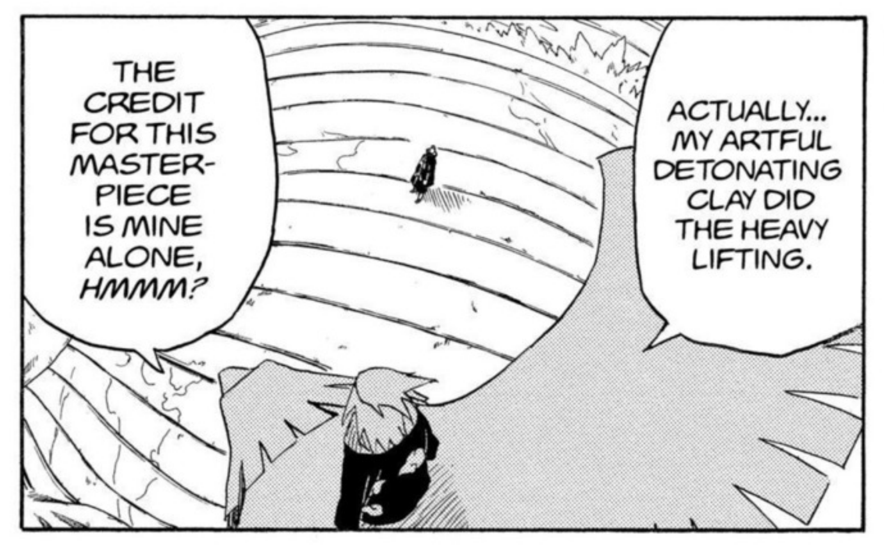
DEIDARA, SIR! DO YOU SEE MY JUTSU?!
HE'S A GONER!



TO HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH SUCH A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN I'VE JUST BEEN MADE A FULL MEMBER...
...IT MEANS YOU ALL APPROVE OF ME, RIGHT?!
I'M PRETTY AMAZING, AREN'T I?!

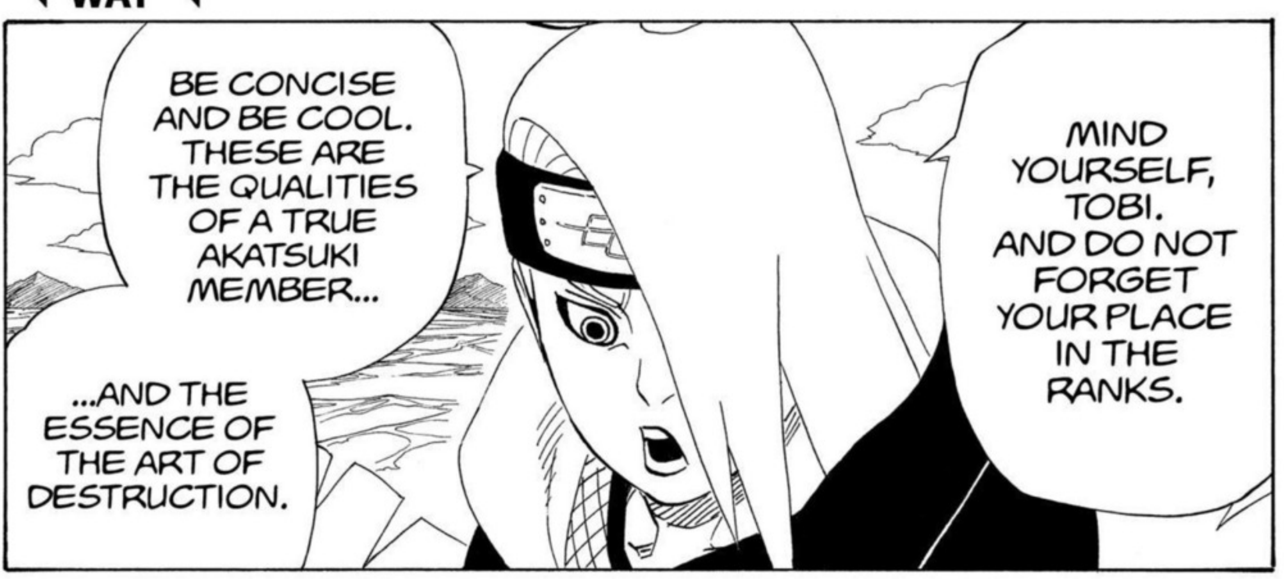


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ACTUALLY... MY ARTFUL DETONATING CLAY DID THE HEAVY LIFTING.
THE CREDIT FOR THIS MASTER-PIECE IS MINE ALONE, HMMM?

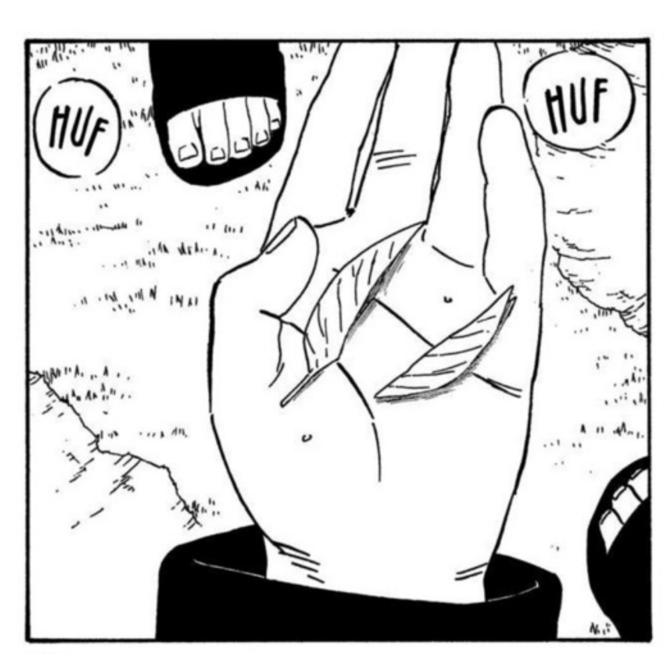

READ THIS WAY


MIND YOURSELF, TOBI. AND DO NOT FORGET YOUR PLACE IN THE RANKS.
BE CONCISE AND BE COOL. THESE ARE THE QUALITIES OF A TRUE AKATSUKI MEMBER...
...AND THE ESSENCE OF THE ART OF DESTRUCTION.


REMEMBER, TRUE ART RESULTS FROM A MOMENT OF PASSION ARISING OUT OF A SEA OF CALM...
NO OFFENSE, SIR, BUT YOU SURE DO LIKE TO HEAR YOURSELF TALK...
...HA HA HA...


...
GRRR


KABOOM
JUST KIDD...
...AAAARRRGH!


HUF
HUF


YES!!


I DID IT!
I AM AWE-SOME!


AT THIS RATE, I'LL MASTER THAT NEW JUTSU IN NO TIME!!!
Make-Out PARADISE


ACTUALLY... IT'S COMING QUICKLY BECAUSE OF THIS TRAINING METHOD.
WHICH, LET'S NOT FORGET, WAS MY GENIUS IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE...


BOOF BOOF BOOF

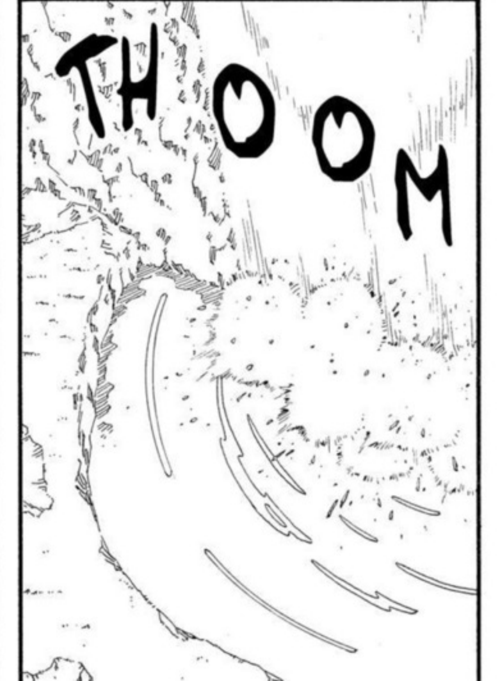

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WHAT-EVER! CAN WE JUST GET TO THE NEXT EXER...


FLUTTER


...AND YES, IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU'RE **YOU**, NARUTO.
TUMP
SHUP
Make-Out PARADISE


YAMATO, LET'S TAKE A BREAK WHILE HE'S OUT.


THOOM


...


BLINK...


WEL-
COME
BACK.


OH
MAN!
NOT
AGAIN!
HUP


THIS
TRAINING
METHOD
WEARS
YOU
OUT...
...WE'LL
RESUME
AFTER
YOU'VE
RESTED...


...WITH
THE
NEXT
STEP.

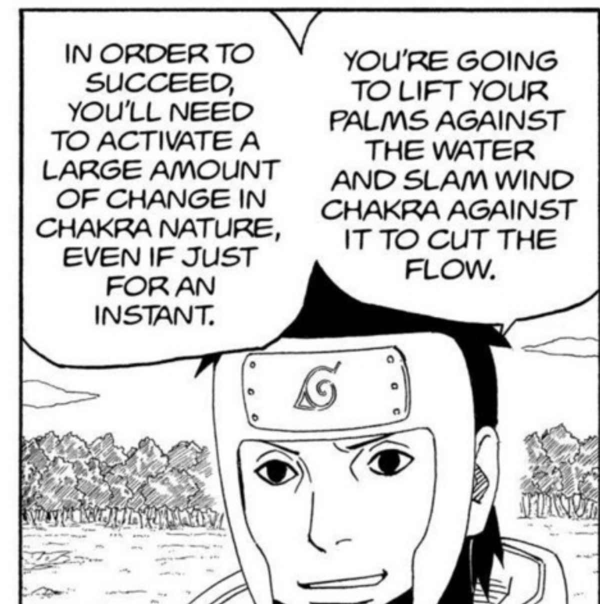



AND
WHAT'S
THAT?


DOINK


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THOOM
NEXT, YOU'RE GOING TO CUT THAT WATER-FALL.
NO WAY! HOW??


YOU'RE GOING TO LIFT YOUR PALMS AGAINST THE WATER AND SLAM WIND CHAKRA AGAINST IT TO CUT THE FLOW.
IN ORDER TO SUCCEED, YOU'LL NEED TO ACTIVATE A LARGE AMOUNT OF CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE, EVEN IF JUST FOR AN INSTANT.


IF YOU CAN CLEAR THIS STAGE...
...YOU'LL AT LEAST BE ABLE TO USE IT IN ACTUAL BATTLES.


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SO THEN...
...I'LL ALSO HAVE GAINED MY FIRST CHANGE IN NATURE, RIGHT?

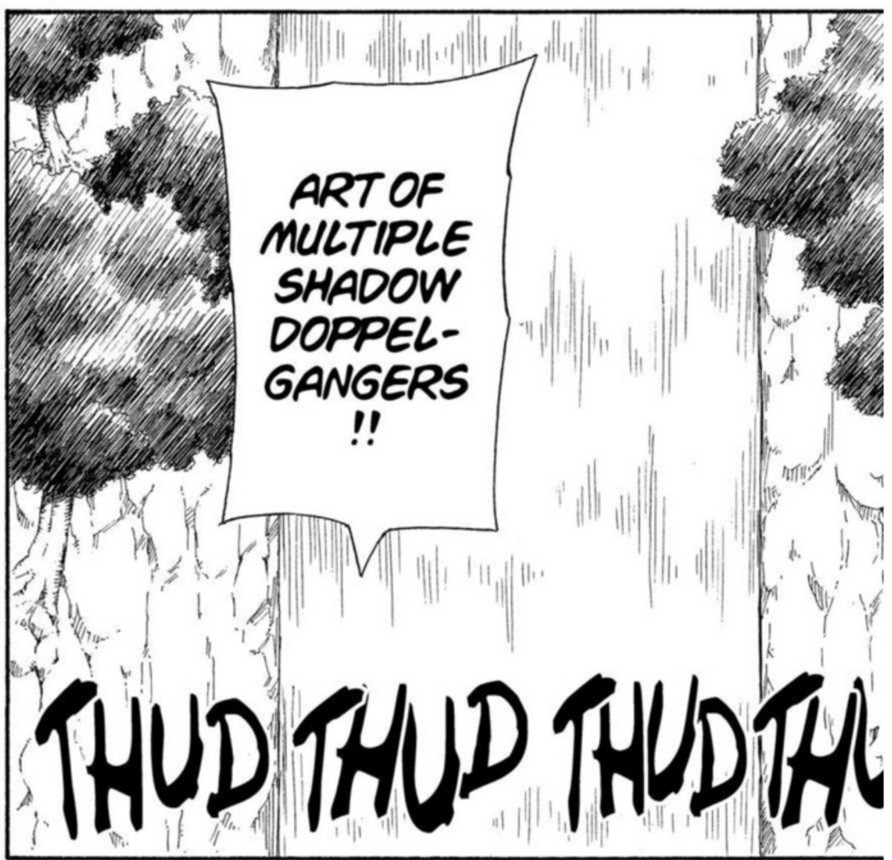

...
HEH



I NEVER IMAGINED HOW RAPIDLY THAT CLUMSY, AWKWARD NARUTO WOULD ACHIEVE CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE...
THIS TRAINING METHOD WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS...



REST OVER!
LET'S GET BACK TO TRAIN-ING!
HUP



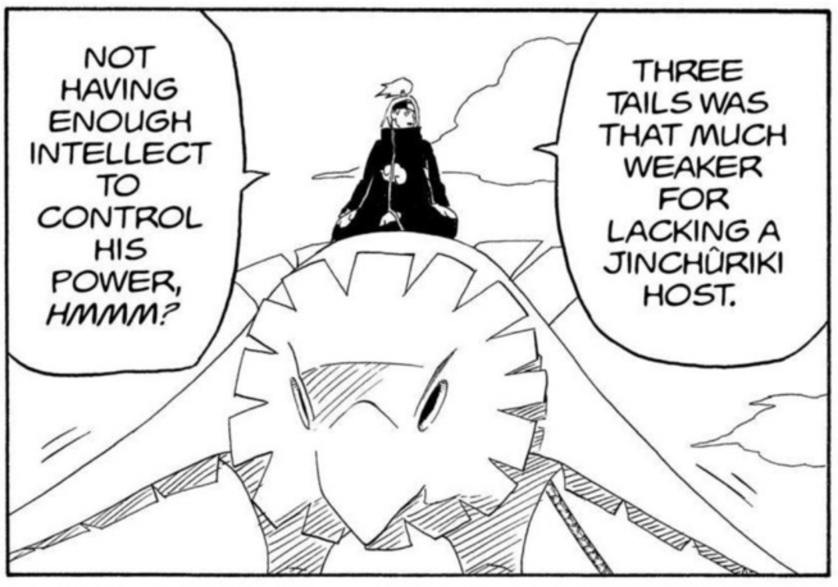
ART OF MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS!!
THUD THUD THUD



SPLOOSH

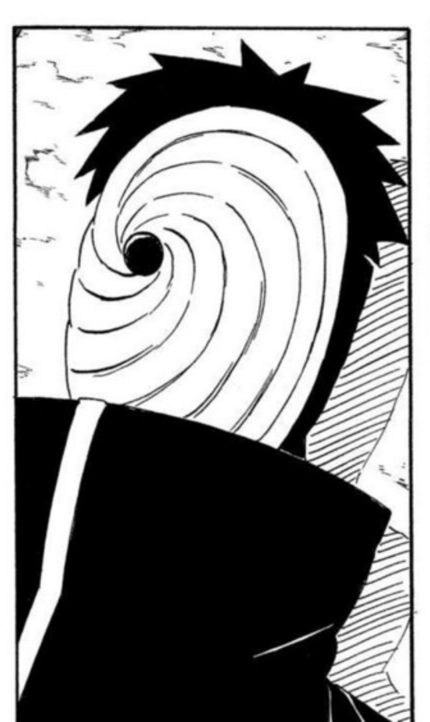

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SPLOOSH
LISTEN UP, TOBI, DON'T YOU DARE REST ON YOUR LAURELS, HMMM?!

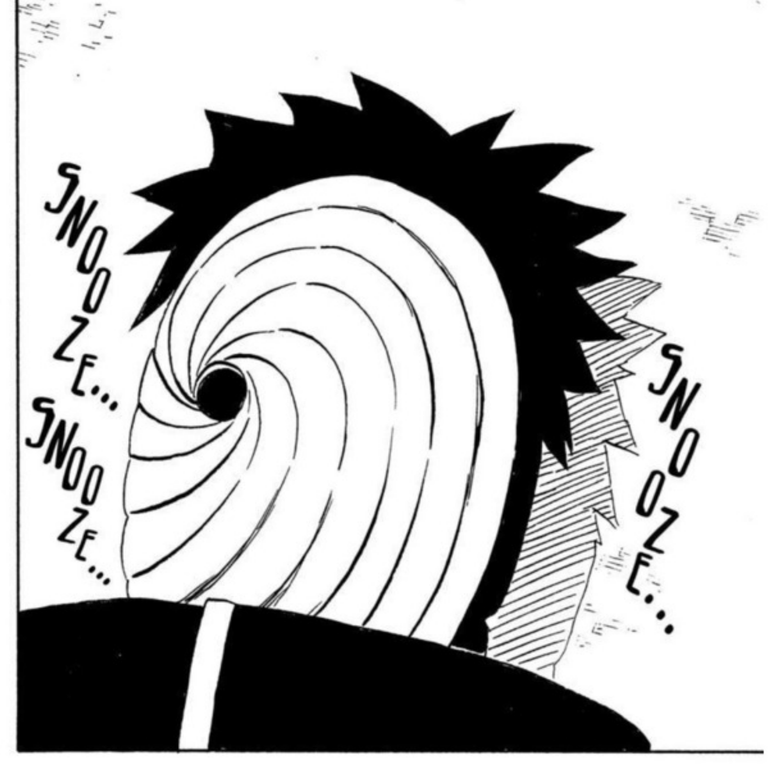

THREE TAILS WAS THAT MUCH WEAKER FOR LACKING A JINCHŪRIKI HOST.
NOT HAVING ENOUGH INTELLECT TO CONTROL HIS POWER, HMMM?




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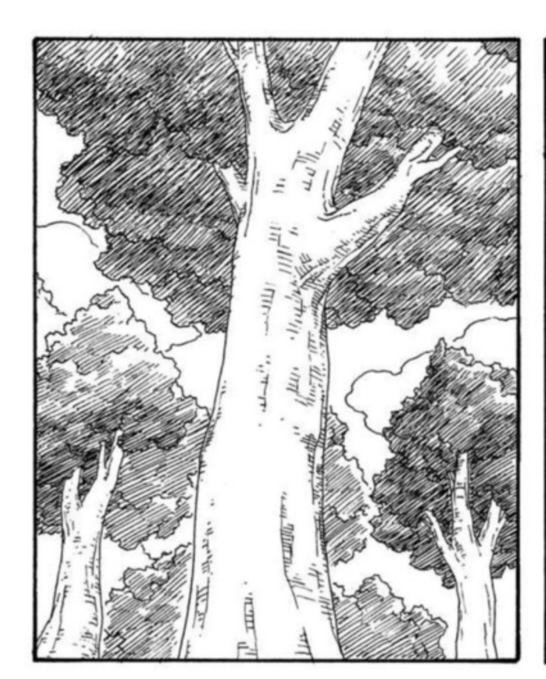



HEY, I SAID BE CONCISE AND COOL...
...NOT STOIC AND SILENT. TOBI...!


SNOOOZE...
SNOOOZE...
SNOOOZE...


GRRR
...


AAARGH!!
BOOM
NOW, THAT IS A WAKE-UP CALL, HMMM?!




SHUP
SHUP

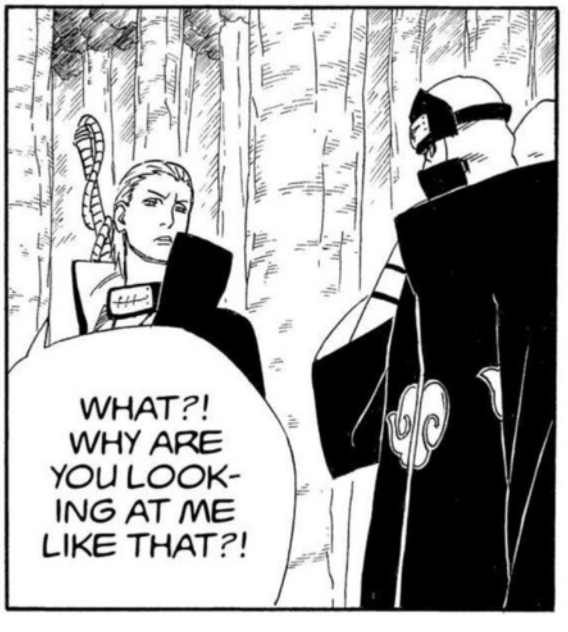

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YOUR TURN TO CARRY HIM.


HEY, HEY, HEY.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KEEPS HARPING ABOUT MONEY. YOU CARRY HIM THE WHOLE WAY.

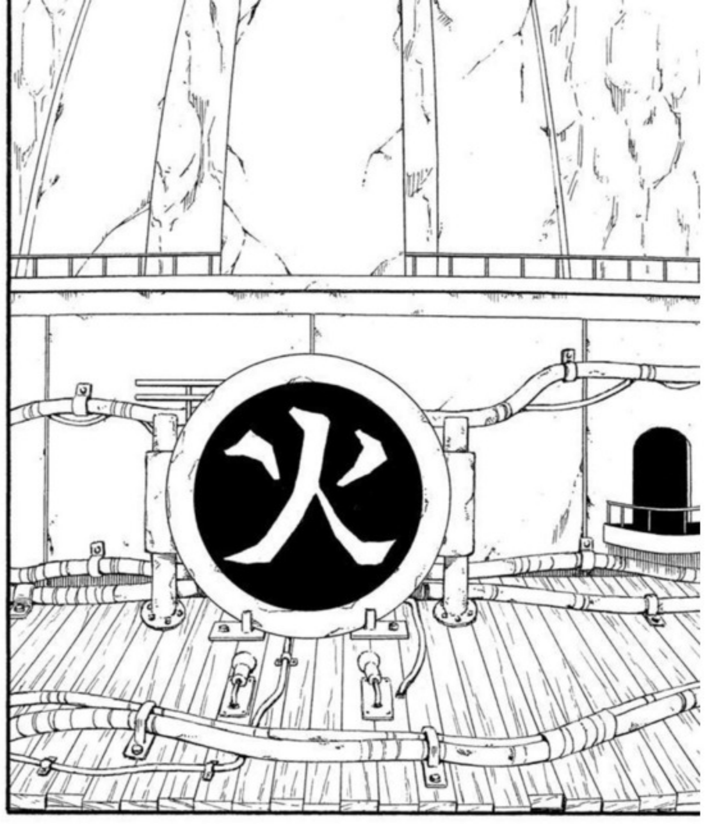

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WHAT?! WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?!


I SWEAR I WILL KILL YOU SOMEDAY.


OH PLEASE, KAKUZU, NOT THAT AGAIN.



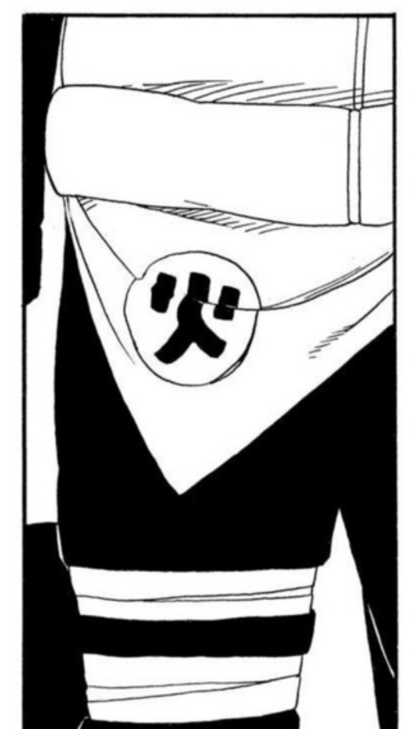

THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.
ANY QUES-TIONS?


WAVE
WHAT IS IT, ASUMA?


CHIRIKU, FORMERLY OF THE GUARDIAN SHINOBI TWELVE, SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT THAT TEMPLE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

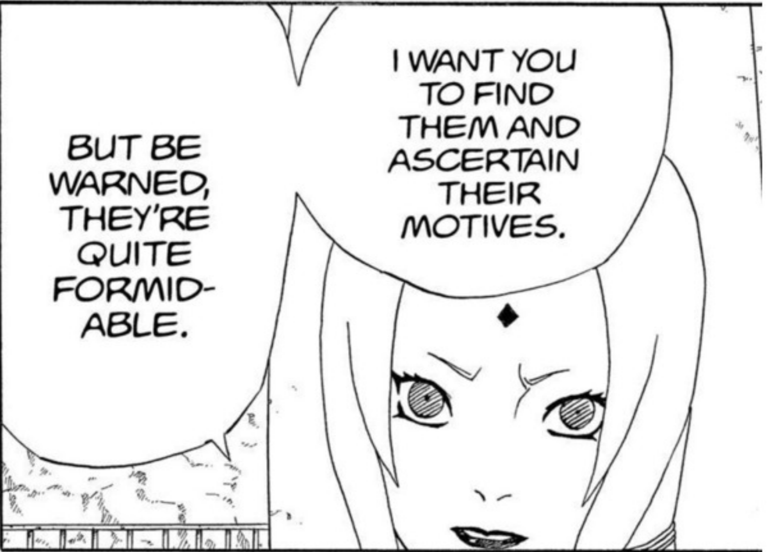

...
LORD CHIRIKU FOUGHT AGAINST THEM...
...AND DIED.


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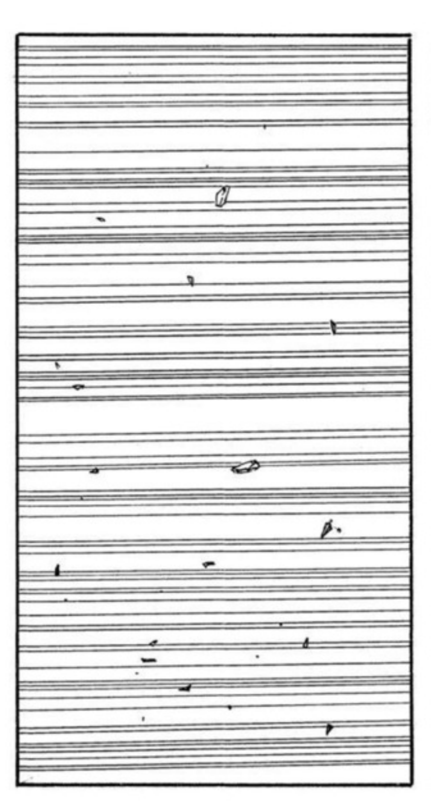

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CHIRIKU ... THE CONSUM-MATE SHINOBI?
NO WAY...


I WANT YOU TO FIND THEM AND ASCERTAIN THEIR MOTIVES.
BUT BE WARNED, THEY'RE QUITE FORMID-ABLE.


IF YOU CANNOT DETAIN THEM, SLAY THEM.
DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO LEAVE THE LAND OF FIRE.
NOW GO!


DIS-MISSED !!
WOOSH




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WAY


SHUP


SHUP

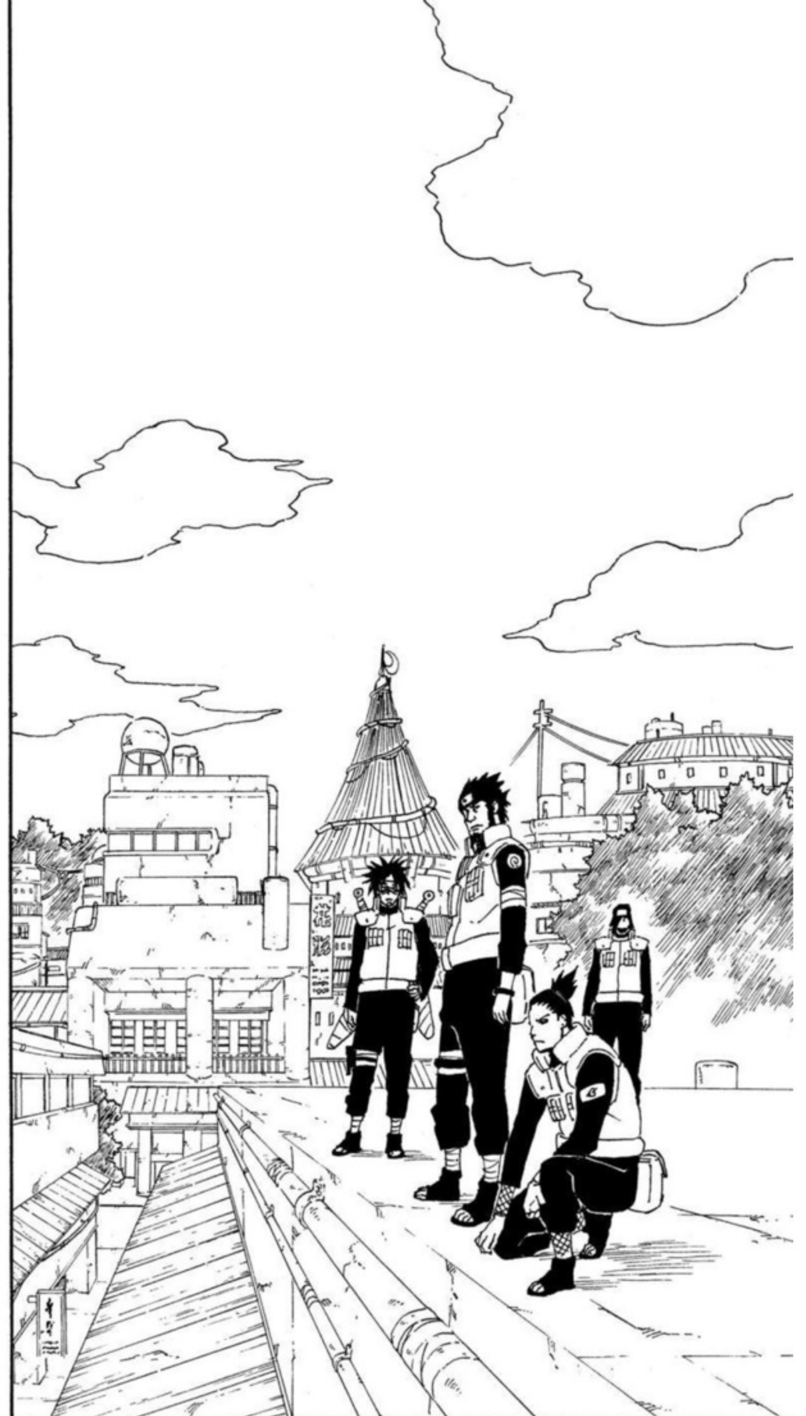

SHUP


SHUP

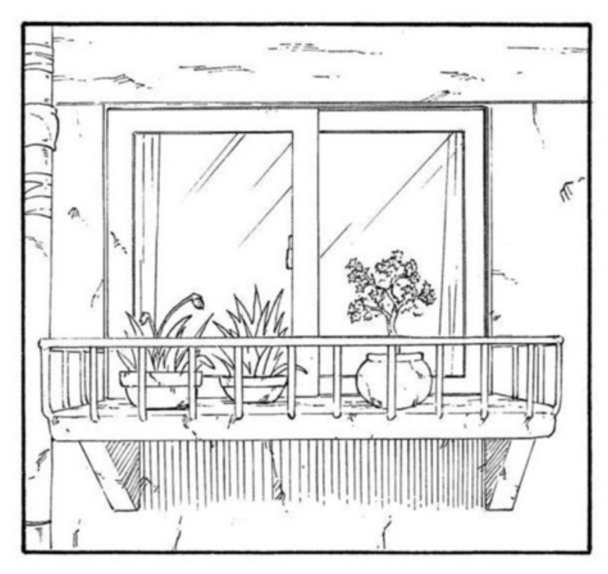
NOW, THEN.
LET'S START AT THE FIRE TEMPLE, SHALL WE...


NARUTO


Number 319: Driving Force




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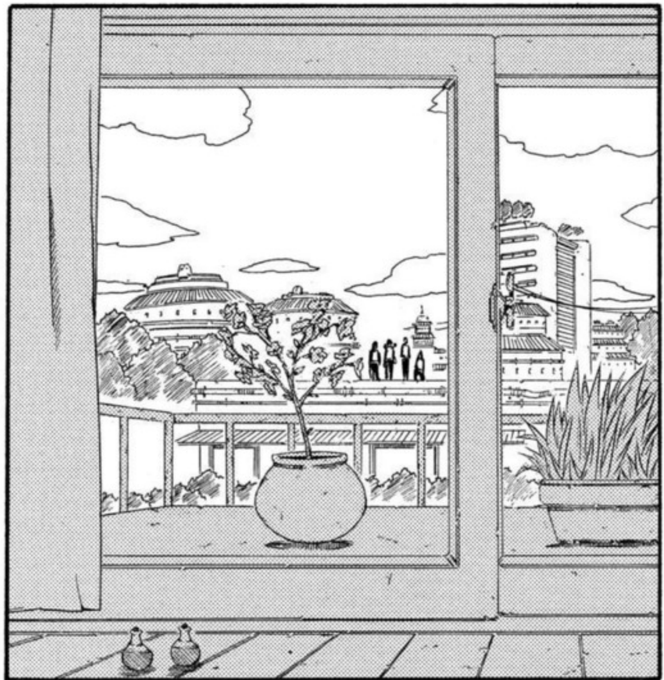

... SOME-ONE'S GOTTA DO IT...

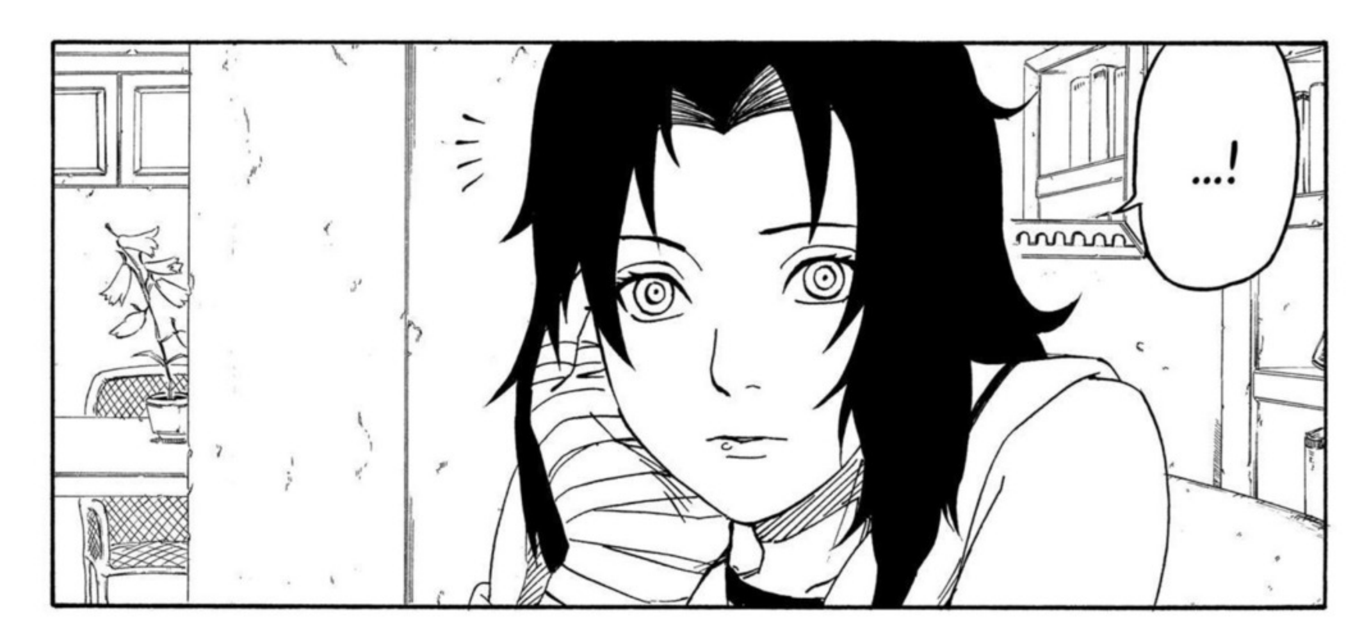

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LET'S GO.


READ THIS WAY






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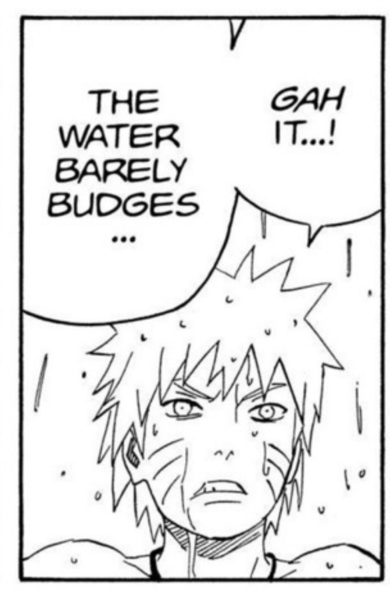

THUD THUD THUD

HAH!!

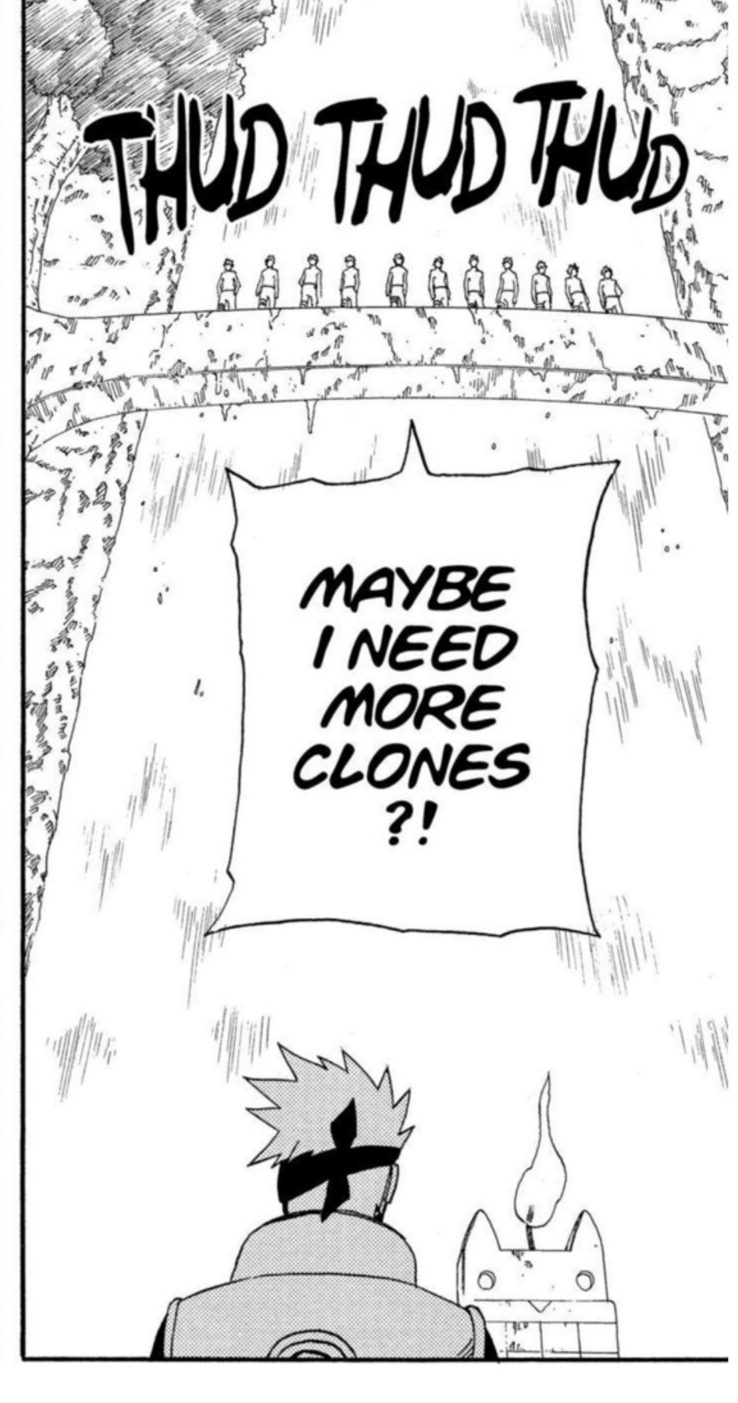
SPLASH

SPLISSSH

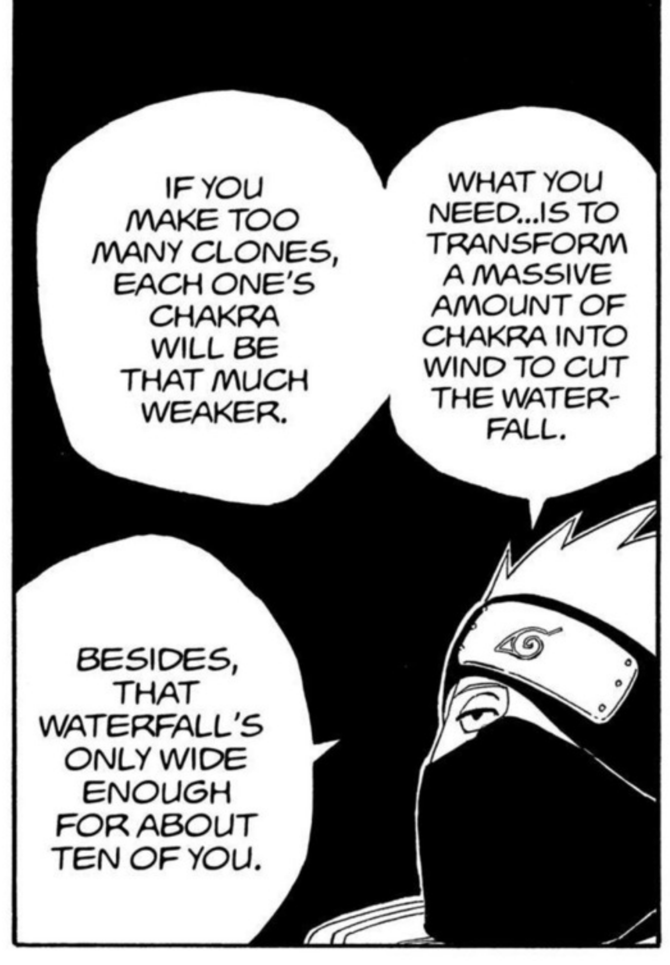








THUD THUD THUD
MAYBE I NEED MORE CLONES?!



WHAT YOU NEED...IS TO TRANSFORM A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF CHAKRA INTO WIND TO CUT THE WATER-FALL.
IF YOU MAKE TOO MANY CLONES, EACH ONE'S CHAKRA WILL BE THAT MUCH WEAKER.
BESIDES, THAT WATERFALL'S ONLY WIDE ENOUGH FOR ABOUT TEN OF YOU.



OH COME ON! THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME KINDA SPECIAL TRICK TO THIS!



YOU DON'T STORE THE WIND CHAKRA YOU CREATE INSIDE YOURSELF LONG ENOUGH.
TAKE MORE TIME. BE MORE THOROUGH.



BUT IF I TAKE TOO LONG ...
...IT WON'T BE USEFUL ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!



YOU'RE STILL IN TRAIN-ING.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE BATTLE-FIELD YET.
ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT, IT'LL FLOW FASTER.


READ THIS WAY


LISTEN, CHANGE IN NATURE SKILLS NORMALLY TAKE MANY YEARS TO HONE.
EVEN LEAF-CUTTING USUALLY TAKES AT LEAST HALF A YEAR.


IF YOU CONSIDER THAT YOU CLEARED THAT IN ONLY A FEW HOURS, YOU DON'T NEED TO RUSH.
YOU'RE ADVANCING MUCH FASTER THAN I EXPECTED.


EVEN SASUKE...
...WHEN I TAUGHT HIM THE CHIDORI, TOOK QUITE A FEW DAYS TO ACHIEVE LIGHTNING CHANGE OF NATURE.


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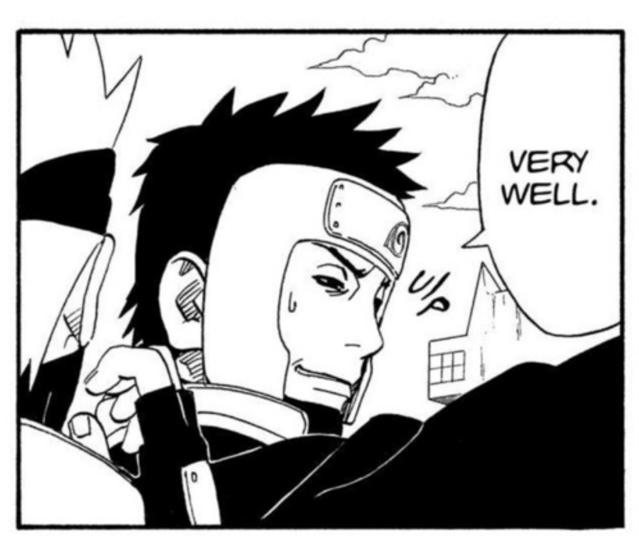

BUT THAT'S THE POINT...
... SASUKE'S THE ONE I'VE GOTTA CATCH UP TO!!


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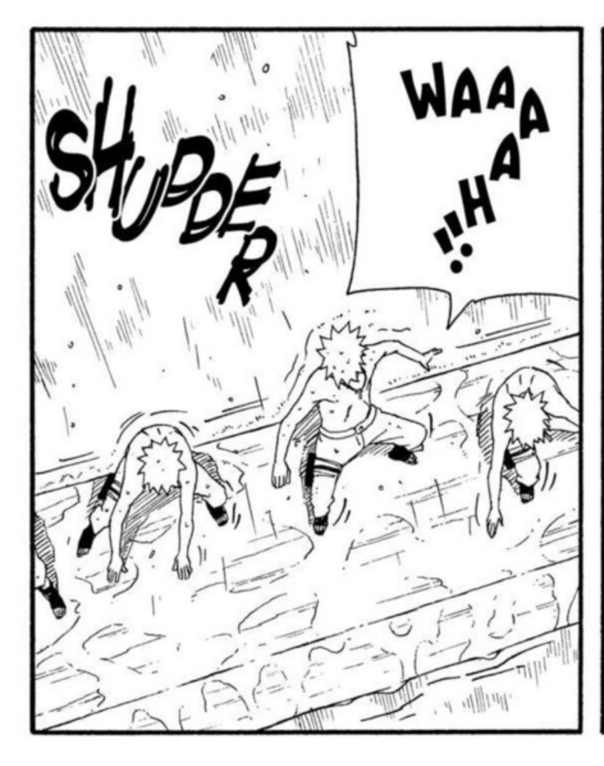

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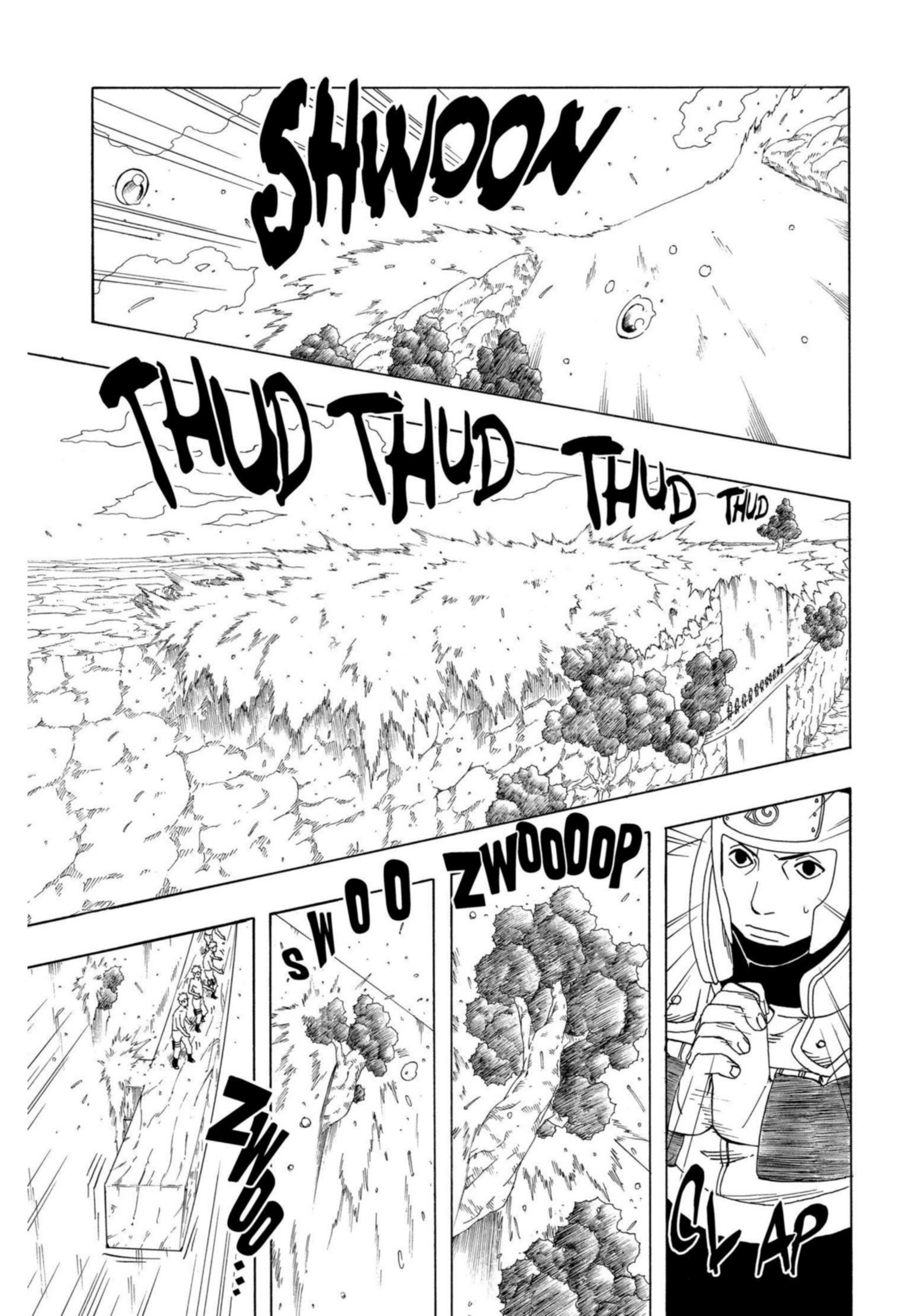



FWUMP
...UGH.


VERY WELL.


FWP


WAAAHAA!!
SHUDDER



SHWOON
THUD THUD THUD THUD
SWOO ZWOOOOP
ZWOO...
CLAP

THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD

...

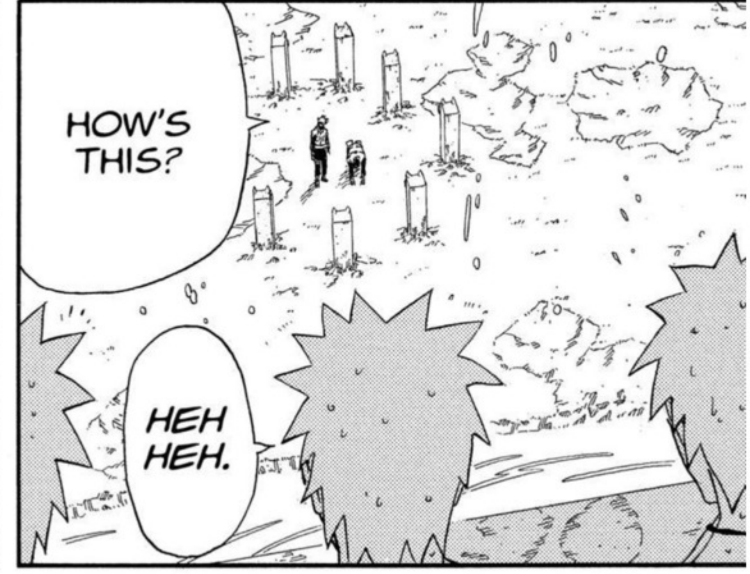
THAT WAS TOUGH EVEN FOR YOU, EH?

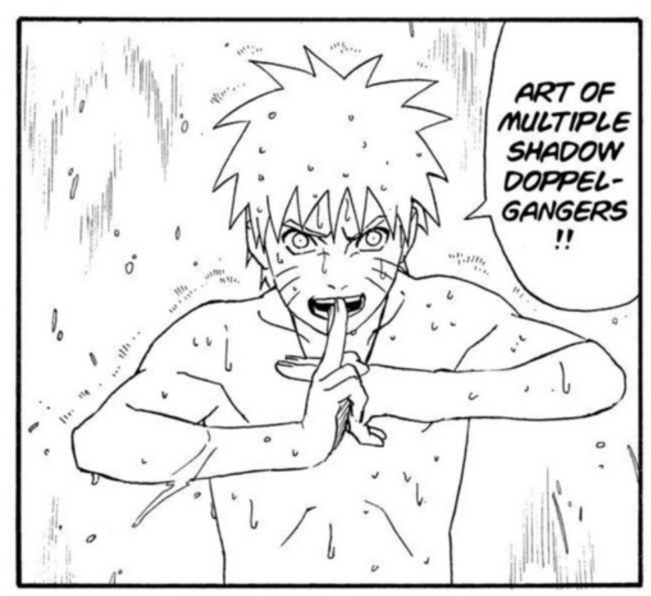
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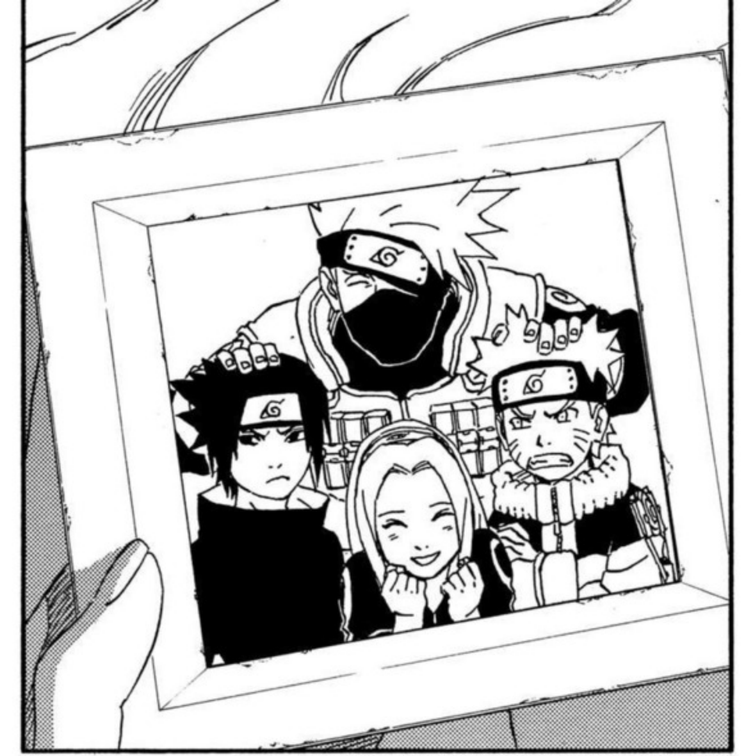
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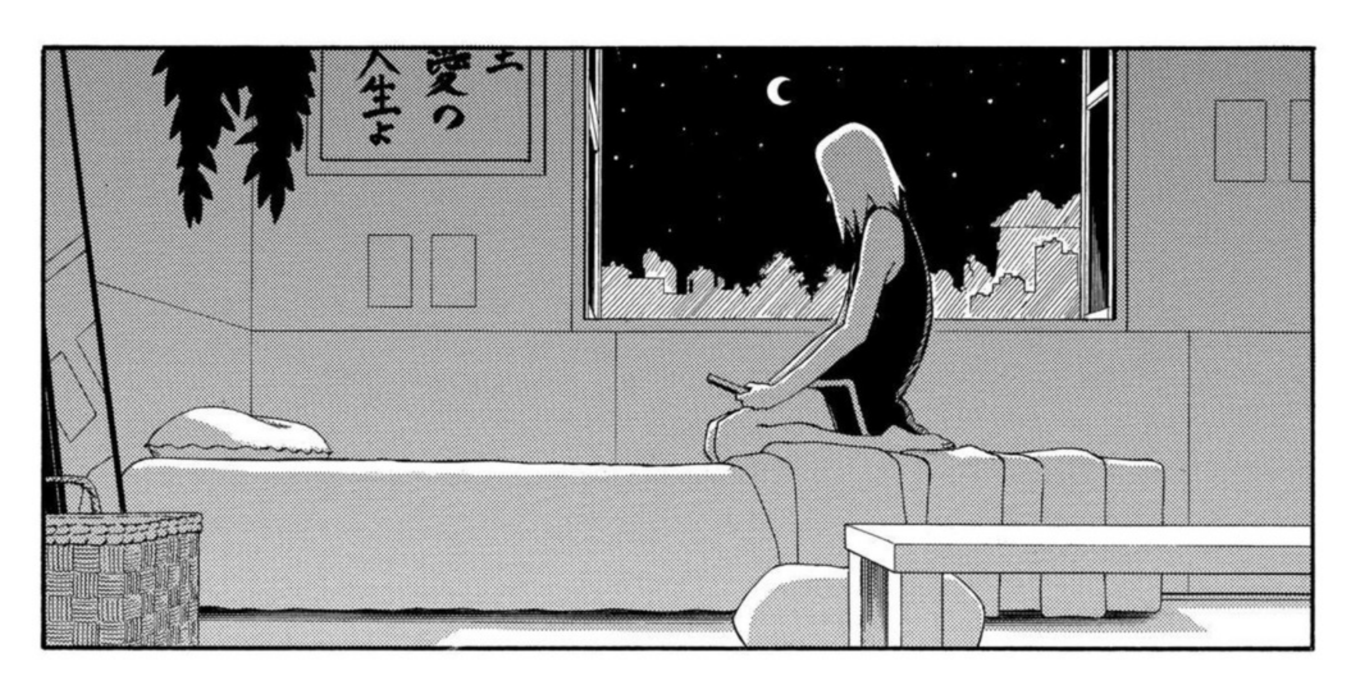
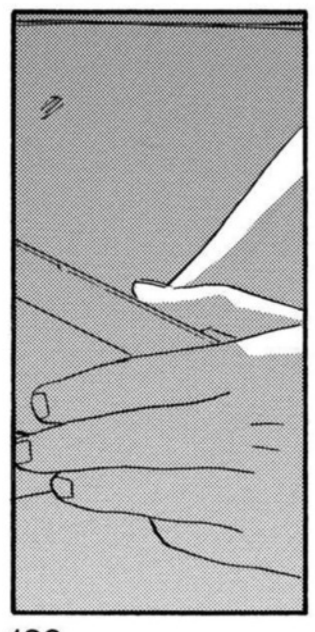
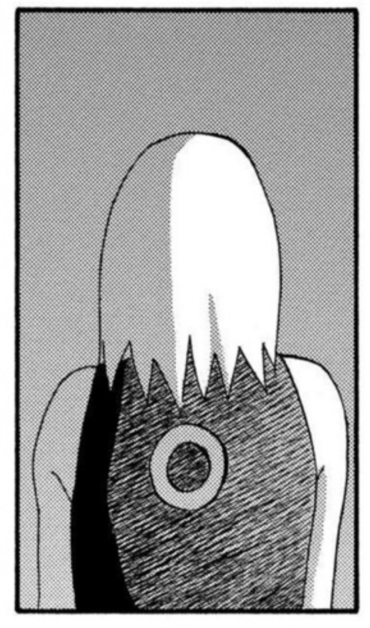
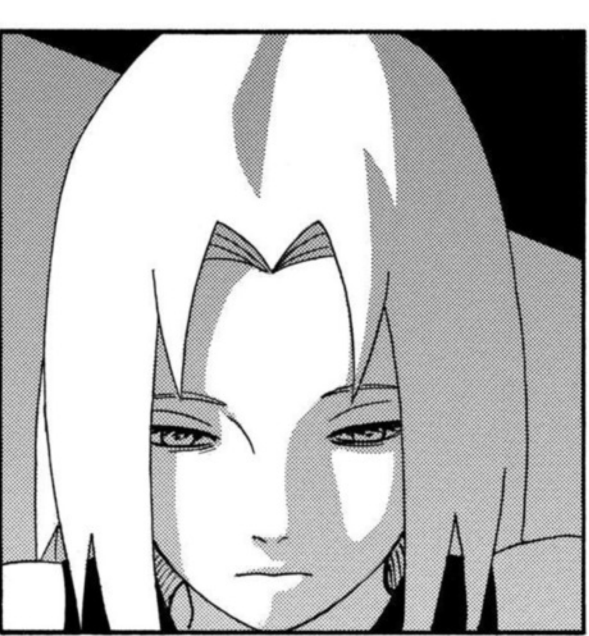
OH NO... NOT AT ALL... *HUF HUF...* PLEASE...IT WAS NOTHING... *HACK HACK...* I'M FINE... *HACK.*

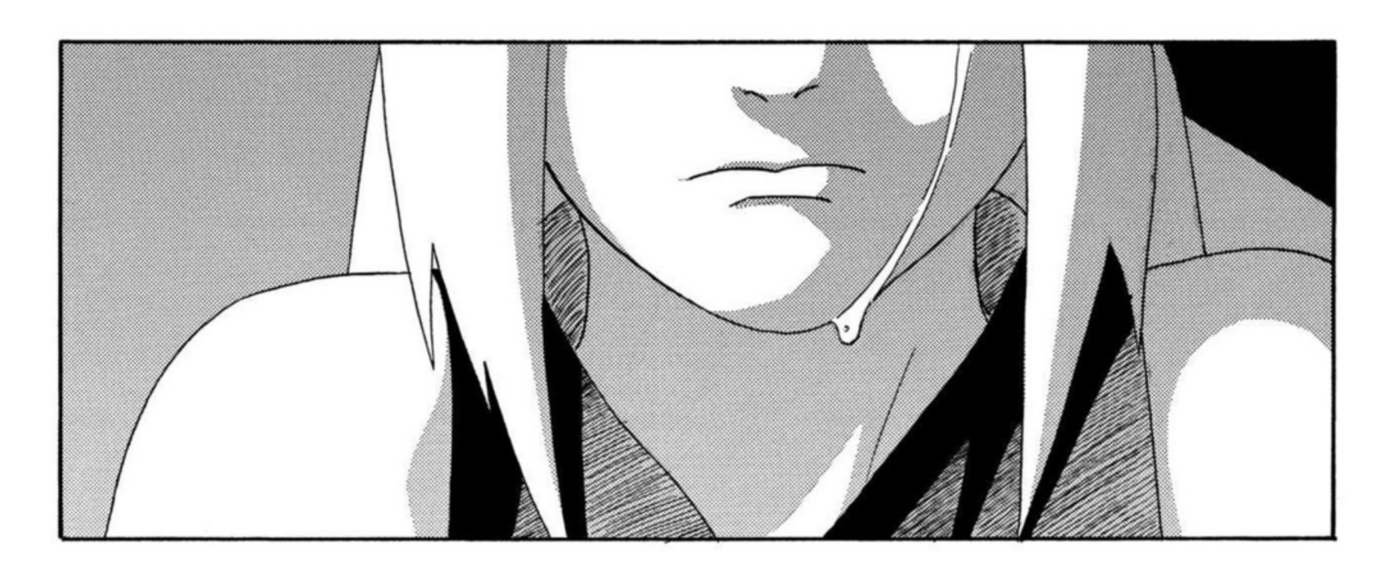
IT WAS TOUGH...



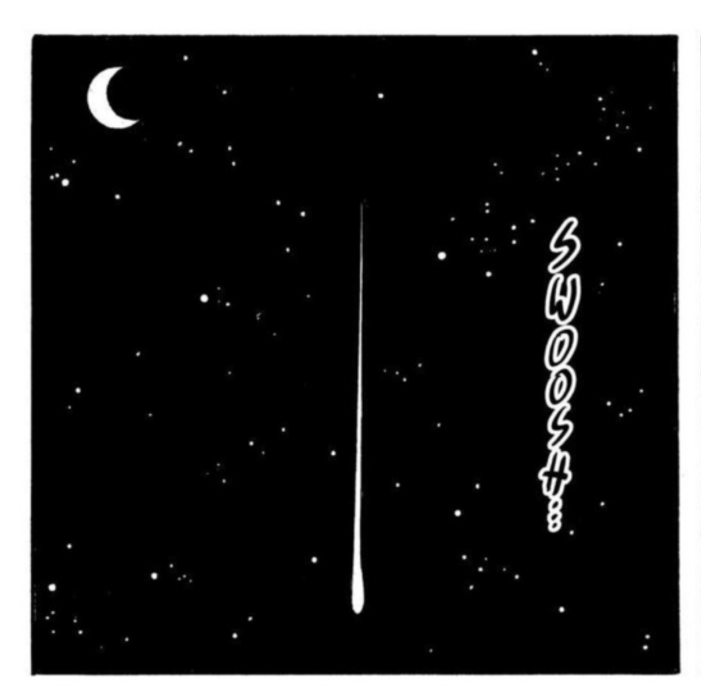




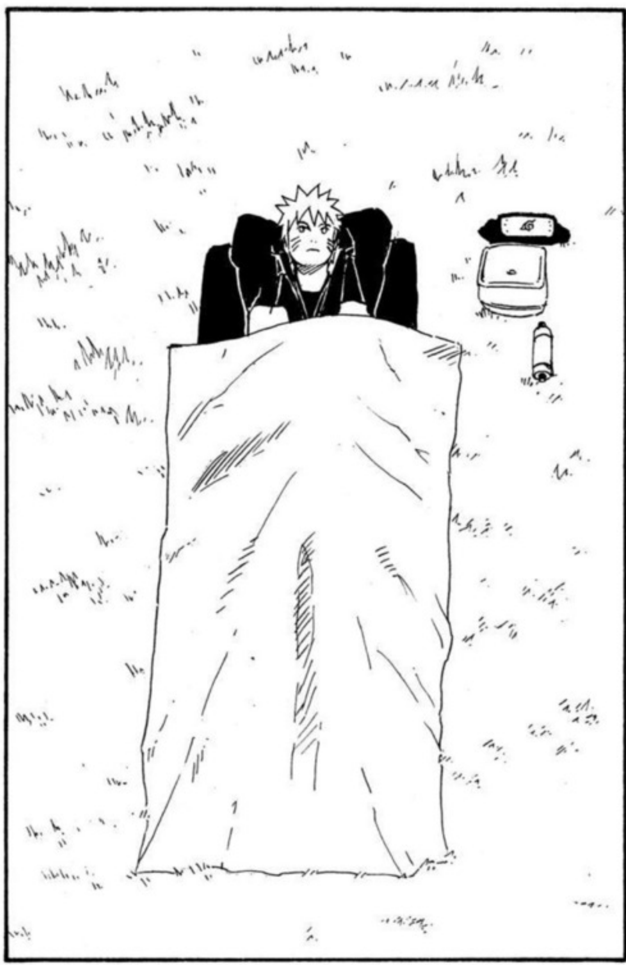

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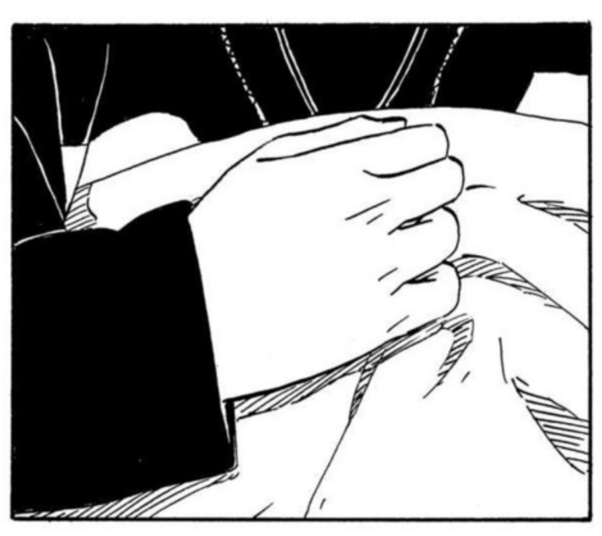

SWOOSH...


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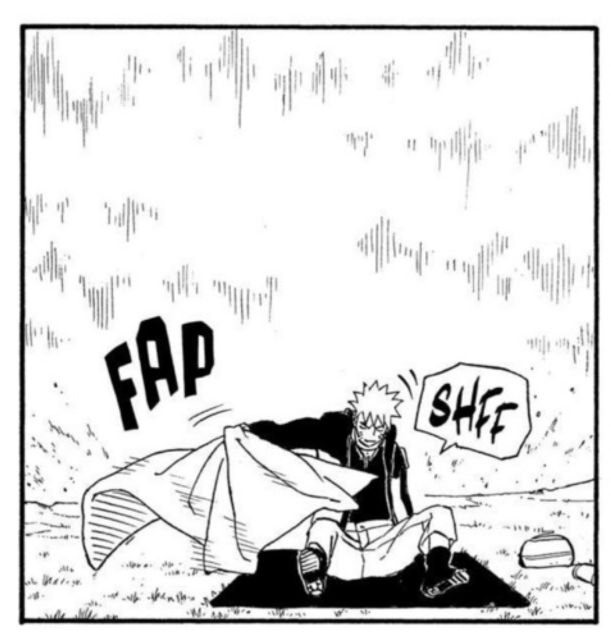

A SHOOT-ING STAR... COOL...


SHFF





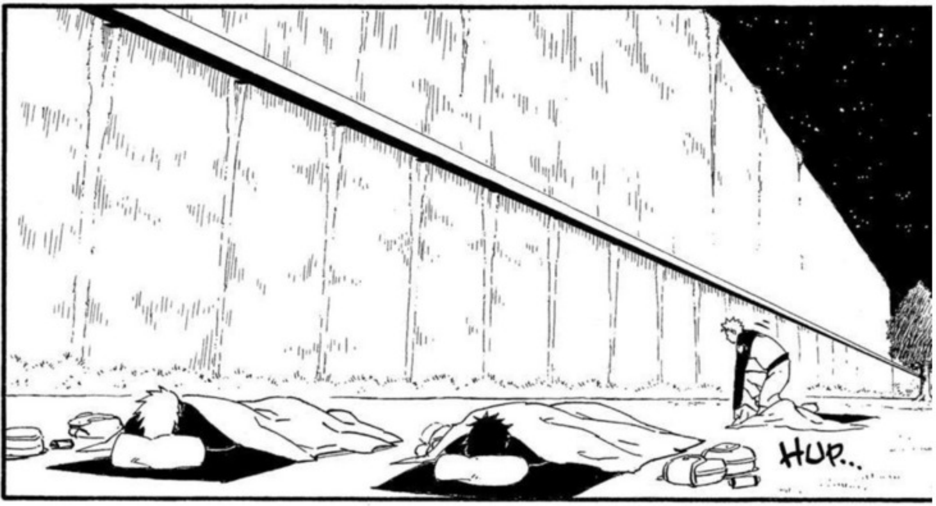

...SASUKE...


FAP
SHFF


BLINK

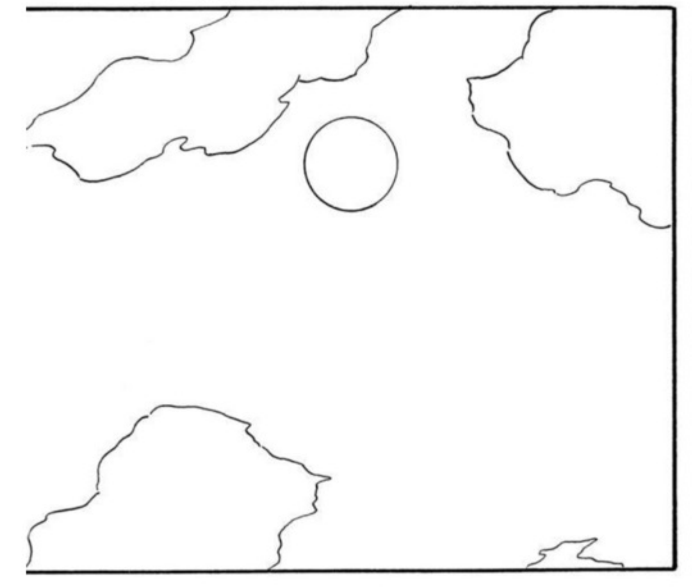





HUP..


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ART OF
MULTIPLE
SHADOW
DOPPEL-
GANGERS
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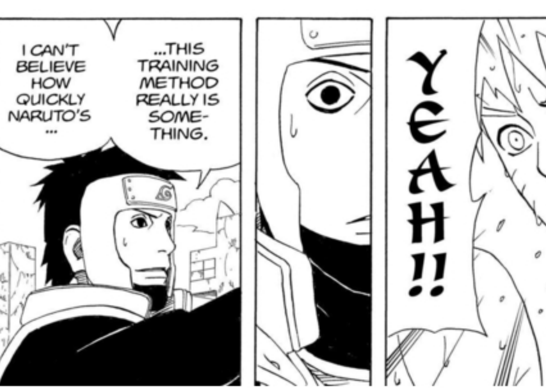

HUF
HUF


GRRR


COME
ON!!


YAGH!

SHOO——M





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